

### 3.1 **Landscape Work**

Midway Beach Reserve is a highly modified site. Landscape features on the reserve are predominately human influenced with the majority of the landscape features being heavily modified by European influence over the last 150 years. Landscape improvement works are planned along the foreshore reserve areas. The majority of landscaping as outlined in previous sections will be predominately made up of native planting using proven coastal species of grasses, trees and shrubs where appropriate. More detail on specific landscaping projects is included in section 2.7 of this draft management plan.

### 3.2 **Vehicle Restraints**

Vehicles access to Midway Beach Reserve is only permitted in main entrance points of the reserve, specifically that of the designated and sealed car park areas. No vehicles will be permitted to enter the reserve in any other location unless carrying out maintenance or emergency services, or with the written consent of the Reserves Supervisor.

Any proposed development regarding vehicle access to the reserve must be accompanied with a detailed site plan set in the context of a landscape design plan for the whole reserve.

### 3.3 **Tree Establishment**

As previously discussed, Midway Beach Reserve has a number of tree species situated around the boundary of the reserve. The harsh environmental conditions during the summer months in the district, combined with the lack of water availability in the reserve make conditions unfavourable for plant growth. As mentioned only identified and proven native varieties will be planted within this area. However the existing line of Norfolk Pine are to remain as a distinct character of this frontage and replacement of any dead or damaged Norfolk Pines will be carried out.

### 3.4 **Use of Facilities**

Other than the car parking facilities as mentioned in Section 2.7 (a) additional Council owned facilities on the reserve include the Midway Beach Surf Club (*currently leased*), The Midway Beach Changing Sheds, Midway Beach Surf Life Saving Tower and the Gisborne Tri Club building.

Presently a number of legal leasing arrangements exist on the reserve. This is a major issue which impacts dramatically over the management and the present and future use of the reserve.

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## 3.0 Management Issues

With the adoption of this management plan by Council leasing agreements which are not currently in place between Council and representative sporting codes which utilise buildings owned by Council will be created. At present this will apply to the Gisborne Tri Club which currently occupy the small building adjacent to the Blue Pacific Motels at Beacon Street Reserve.

### 3.5 Reserve Users

Midway Beach Reserve is arguably one of Gisborne's greatest recreational assets. To maintain the reserve's current status careful and sound management and planning practices are required. The only clear way in which quality in out door recreation can be effectively measured is by monitoring the "... degree to which opportunities satisfy the motivations for which they are designed" (Manning, 1986:120). Hence, in the management of any reserve Council must seek to meet the needs of the community by providing a diverse range of recreational opportunities. Users must be willing to share and protect the resources that are provided.

Users also need to be aware that there exists a great diversity in public tastes and perceptions over how resources should be managed and used. In the final analysis resources are limited and compromises are needed if a diverse range of recreational opportunities are to be effectively provided.

As has previously been mentioned, the major use of Midway Beach Reserve is for passive recreation. At the present time Midway Beach Reserve is utilised by a multitude of users which includes both organised and unorganised recreation.

This includes passive activities such as walking, sight seeing, nature watch, sun bathing etc. and active recreation including running, swimming, surf life saving, triathlons etc.

### 3.7 Vandalism

Vandalism is unfortunately a predominant feature at Midway Beach Reserve. While Council recognises that vandalism is an on going social problem which needs to be addressed at both a local and national level, we also recognise that the problem is hard to combat within the confines of a Management Plan. However, Council does recognise that there is a need to encourage local residents and users of the reserve to play a more active role in reporting and discouraging any undesirable behaviour that they witness within Council reserves.