



#### Site Description

Kirks Bush is a scenic reserve of 5.22 hectares in size that is sited between Beach Rd and the Great South Rd, Papakura – a remnant and regenerating native forest. The reserve does contain a stand of regenerating Kauri near the Gt South Rd entrance. The reserve has a track network in a circular route connecting to both roads mentioned and the western boundary of the reserve abuts Southern Park. This reserve is an important contributor to the overall biodiversity of Papakura and is culturally important to Te Ākitai Waiohū.

#### Management Plan

NA

#### Network Connections Plan

Kirks Bush is a connecting link and destination within the Papakura Greenway Plan Greenways

#### Key Reserve and Local Linkages

Connected to the adjacent Southern Park (sports park)

#### Key Active Volunteer Groups & Stakeholders

Long standing Friends of Kirks Bush – activities include plant pest control, track maintenance and community engagement.

#### Mana Whenua

Te Ākitai Waiohū

#### Volunteer Monthly Hours

Up to 20 hours per month.

#### Service Outcome Statement

Kirks Bush is a beautiful stand of regenerating native forest adjacent to the Gt South Rd at the Southern entrance into Papakura.

The reserve has suffered over many years from a high degree of negative activity taking place within the reserve area this has impacted normal community use of such a natural space.

A small group of volunteers have been connected to this reserve for many years focussed on weed and pest management, track maintenance and advocating for improved supporting park assets such as interpretive signage, seating, track improvement, safety improvement such as lighting.

Reserve visitation is minimal. To increase usage of the reserve will require a concerted effort to highlight the importance of this reserve to the overall biodiversity of Papakura, investment in park amenities, community endorsement and support for this work.

Recreational Value Score = **Medium**

#### Service Outcomes:

1. Strengthen the cultural importance of Kirks Bush working closely with Iwi - Te Ākitai Waiohū.
2. Continue to encourage and support the voluntary efforts of the Friends of Kirks Bush in a more planned and cohesive way.
3. Retain connectivity through from the Southern Park entrance to the Rosehill Crescent entrance.
4. Retain and enhance the main entrances to the reserve off Beach Rd, Rosehill Crescent, Gt South Rd and from Southern Park.
5. Rebuild the importance of the ecological, recreational and educational values that Kirks Bush offers to the people of Papakura.
6. Increase the numbers of informal recreational users of Kirks Bush annually.