

6.7 Drake Street Reserve

Description

Location:	Drake Street
Legal description:	Lots 1 DP 8444 and Lot 10 DP 6903
Size:	1.45 ha
Reserve status:	Reserve



Physical description

This reserve is located within the residential area of Vogeltown. The main recreation area of the reserve containing the playground is set on the road frontage of Drake Street, with a Pohutukawa hedge and fence separates it from the remainder of the reserve, which exists on a lower level.

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi. The area is of historic and cultural significance to Ngati Te Whiti.

Land status and history

Lot 1 DP 8444 was set apart in 1959 by the Minister of Lands as reserve for recreation purposes and subsequently vested in the New Plymouth City Council for that purpose. The underlying title remains with the crown.

Lot 10 DP 6903 was originally acquired by the crown for a government work, namely pensioner housing, under the Public Works Act 1928. In 1957 the land was gazetted as reserve for sites for pensioner flats pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 and vested in the New Plymouth City Council. The underlying title remains with the crown.

Existing improvements

Post and rail barriers exist on the road frontage portion of this reserve along with a child's play area consisting of a swing set and seesaws. Stock fencing occurs around the majority of the large open space. The buildings on the smaller parcel are owned by the NZ Deer Stalkers Association, who has a lease for the land the building occupies.

Uses and activities

As well as child's play the area is suitable for picnics and casual recreational activities. The small western portion of the reserve, which is accessible via a driveway located off Drake Street, is used by the NZ Deer Stalkers Association for regular meetings. The large southern open area is currently grazed.

Classification

Recreation - Lot 1 DP 8444; Local Purpose (community building) reserve - Lot 10 DP 6903

Management objectives and specific policies

- The children's play area of this reserve will continue to be maintained and developed as open space suitable for casual recreation.
- Council officers will work with neighbourhood residents to improve boundary fencing.
- The local purpose portion of the reserve will continue to be made available for lease use by community groups.
- The area currently grazed at the lower level could be considered appropriate for future native revegetation, which will enhance the amenity and ecological values in the area.
- In the short to medium term the management of this reserve will continue to involve grazing of the undeveloped lower level of the reserve until such time further decision are made as part of the council's Open Space Strategy.

Visual Resource Key

Landscape/Spatial Features

- Land Parcel
- Mown Open Space
- Entry Points

Vegetation

- Existing Trees/Vegetation
- Proposed Trees/Vegetation
- Proposed Fruit/Nut Trees

Structures

- Pedestrian Entry Sign
- Existing Seat
- Proposed Picnic Table
- Existing Play Equipment
- Existing Building
- Existing Timber Barrier



Landscape Context Key

Landscape Features

- Stream

Spatial Features

- Reserve Land
- Surrounding Open Space/Reserves/Sports Fields

