

12. Te Mete Park

Description

Location:	Mangorei Road, New Plymouth East
Legal description:	Section 239 Fitzroy District
Size:	2.68 hectares
Reserve Status:	Subject to the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification:	Recreation reserve



Physical description

Te Mete Park is a sports park located west of Mangorei Road and between Te Mete Terrace and Awanui Street. Access is located off Awanui Street with additional access from Mangorei Road.

The park has two fields available for sports. The sports played are currently junior soccer and cricket.

The park is Open Space A Environment Area in the District Plan. These areas are used primarily for organised sports and recreation. Such areas will normally have associated buildings such as clubrooms, changing sheds or toilet facilities. The park is surrounded by Residential A Environment Area.

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi and Taranaki iwi. The area is of historic and cultural significance to Ngāti Te Whiti and Ngā Mahanga-a-Tairi.

Land status and acquisition history

Section 239 Fitzroy District was obtained by the Borough of New Plymouth in 1935 for the purpose of public plantation and recreation reserve and reservation ground. It was classified as a recreation reserve and subject to the Reserves Act 1977 in 1980.

History and cultural values

The Te Mete Park Management Plan was prepared pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 in 1980. The Plan reviewed the fields, buildings, access and parking, landscaping and signposting, childrens play area, and public toilets.

In the past Te Mete has been used for a variety of recreational uses including hockey, cricket, soccer, and softball.

The park is built on an old swamp which causes challenges with drainage.

Existing improvements

The existing improvements within the reserve include:

Amenities/clubrooms building, two monuments, rubbish bin, three floodlights, signage, seats, fences, gates, barriers, steps, carpark and a playground.

There is a storm water pipe running diagonally through the park from the northern to the eastern border.

Uses and activities

Te Mete Park has two fields available which are used for cricket and junior soccer. The ownership of the amenities building is split part Council and part NP Combined Hockey Club. The Council owned facilities (changing rooms/ kitchen/ toilets) are available for hire. The club rooms portion of the amenities building are owned by the Hockey Club who no longer play at the park. During the summer months the pavilion is used by the resident cricket club.

The following club has a land only lease at Te Mete Park for their part of the clubrooms:

- NP Combined Hockey Club. Lease expired 2008

Management objectives and specific policies

- 1) The Te Mete Park Management Plan 1980 shall be revoked and replaced with this plan.
- 2) The developed areas of this park will be managed as a sports park suitable for formal and informal sport and recreation.
- 3) Future development of Te Mete Park will be in accordance with the development concept including:
 - i. Sealing the existing car park
 - ii. Upgrading pathways around the edge of the park
 - iii. Removal of two pohutukawa trees near the amenity building.
 - iv. Installation of a goal storage area
 - v. Possible re-development of the park as a regional soccer hub including full-sized soccer field.
- 4) In August 2010 the Council resolved an intention to transfer Council owned buildings or part of buildings to the clubs that use or occupy them. The

Council is currently working with clubs who use own part of and those that use the building to achieve this.

- 5) As part of the building transfer process the Council intends to establish a new lease with the future owner of the building for the footprint of the entire building.