

16. Glen Avon Park

Description

Location:	Alberta Road, New Plymouth
Legal description:	Lot 1 DP 11154 Lot 2 DP 7750
Size:	1.57 hectares
Reserve Status:	Subject to the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification:	Recreation reserve



Physical description

Glen Avon is a sports park with access located off Alberta Road, New Plymouth.

The park is currently being used for the North Taranaki Dog Training Club where trainers help people to train their dogs in obedience and agility.

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. To the north of the park where the building is located is Open Space B which is characterised by those areas that are predominantly focused towards informal recreational pursuits, usually of a more passive nature, such as walking, playing or fishing. They are more open, with less built features than the Open Space A Environment Area. The park is surrounded by Residential A.

Tangata whenua interests

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

Land status and acquisition history

In 1974 Lot 1 DP 11154 was purchased by the Taranaki County Council for \$1,148.00 from a New Plymouth Farmer. The land is held in trust as a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977 and classified as part of preparing this management plan in 2011.

Lot 2 DP 7750 was transferred to the Taranaki County Council in 1981 as a recreation reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977. It was classified in 1983.

History and cultural values

The sports park has previously been used for soccer, rugby, rugby league, and has been used by the North Taranaki Dog Training Club for training and events since 2000.

The building on the reserve was formally the Glen Avon Community Hall and is now leased to the Dog Training Club. This building was built by the Glen Avon Progressive Club who gifted the building to the Taranaki County Council in 1978.

Existing improvements

The existing improvements within the reserve include:

Rubbish bins, barriers, a seat, four floodlights, an entrance sign, a playground, carpark, entry road, and Council owned building.

There is a storm water pipe running along the eastern boundary of the park.

Uses and activities

Glen Avon Park has two fields which are currently used for dog training.

The North Taranaki Dog Training Club lease the building from the Council. The lease expired on 28 February 2010.

Management objectives and specific policies

- 1) The developed areas of this park will be managed as a sports park suitable for formal and informal sport and recreation.
- 2) Future development of Glen Avon Park will be in accordance with the development concept including:
 - i. Vegetation management to increase sight visibility of the park and driveway
 - ii. Establishing a pathway to the play area
- 3) In August 2010 the Council resolved an intention to transfer Council owned building or part of buildings to the clubs that use or occupy them. The Council is currently working with clubs to achieve this.
- 4) As part of the building transfer process the Council intends to establish a new lease with the Dog Training Club for the footprint of the hall.
- 5) As part of future residential development of the adjoining farm land the Council will endeavour to achieve pedestrian and cycle access to Smart Road.

- 6) A stormwater management system is proposed to be installed in the park to address stormwater management in the wider Glen Avon catchment. The works may include the establishment of a bund around the north east and north western sides. Replacement of stormwater pipes that run under the fields is also proposed. The Council's Waste and Water team will be undertaking consultation with users regarding the proposed works.