

6.19 Milne Place Reserve

Description

Location:	Milne Place
Legal description:	Lot 88 DP 12605 and Lot 18 DP 12051
Size:	0.60 ha
Reserve status:	Reserve



Physical description

This reserve is situated on part of one of the highest points in New Plymouth, at 100 metres above sea level, and provides excellent views of the city and coastline.

A walkway is benched through the centre of the sloping hill side as well as around the northern boundary which provides a direct route to the summit from Milne Place. Entrances exist from Milne Place, Kellyville Heights, and Sandel Rise. The reserve has been planted with heritage varieties fruit trees, mainly apples, which were sourced from throughout Taranaki and grown by the Horticultural Division of the former New Plymouth Polytechnic.

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 88 DP 12605 – In 1979 this parcel of land was vested in the New Plymouth City Council, underlying title remains with the Crown.

Lot 18 DP 12051 – This parcel of land was vested in the New Plymouth City Council in 1992 upon subdivision pursuant to the Municipal Corporations Act 1954.

Existing improvements

A number of fruit trees exist on the lower parts of this reserve. A concrete path provides the entrance way from Kellyville Heights and Sandel Rise. The orchard part of the reserve is fully fenced.

There is also a geodetic survey trig on the site with is maintained by Land Information New Zealand.

Uses and activities

This reserve is suitable for fruit picking and walking.

Classification

Recreation

Management objectives and specific policies

- This reserve will be maintained and developed as an orchard consisting of heritage fruit varieties and as a significant city viewing point.
- Vegetation within the reserve will be managed to maintain views from the summit of the reserve.
- The linkages through this reserve from Kellyville Heights and Sandel Rise to Milne place will be further developed to improve accessibility.
- Community orchards are available for the whole community to use with a general policy that individuals/families should only harvest the amount they require for their own consumption.
- The council will consider applications for bulk harvesting of fruit with priority given to non-profit organisations undertaking fundraising.
- As part of the implementation of this management plan an Orchard Operations Plan will be developed that will help determine the appropriate maintenance for each of the four community orchard and in particular will look as aspects such as pest control, fertilising and control of undergrowth.

Visual Resource Key

Landscape/Spatial Features

- Land Parcel
- Mown Open Space
- Un-mown Open Space
- Entry Points

Vegetation

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

Structures

- Pedestrian Entry Sign
- Proposed Seat
- Mown Grass Pathway
- Proposed Bollards



Landscape Context Key

Landscape Features

- Stream

Spatial Features

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

