Hurunui Ward Reserves





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Christians Road Gravel Reserve

Description

Location Hawarden

Classification Local Purpose Reserve - Public

Utility

Area (hectares) 0.4047

Legal Description Reserve 3499, Block III, Waipara

Survey District

Adjacent Land Farm land

Facilities None

Acquisition Vested NZ Gazette 1900, p.1299

& 1960, p.1051. Classified NZ Gazette 14/6/07 p.1699

Introduction

Christians Road Gravel Reserve is located on Christians Road, Hawarden. Formerly utilised for gravel extraction purposes, the reserve is currently grazed in conjunction with the adjoining property.

Specific Policies

 That the adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

Christians Road Gravel Reserve is suitable for grazing purposes to generate funding for District Reserve development.



Christians Road Gravel Road



Christians Road Gravel Reserve location map

Great Northern Green

Description

Location Waikari

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 6.2811

Legal Description Lot 2 DP 409437 Village Green **Adjacent Land** Waikari Medical Centre to the

west, farm land to the north, residential properties to the south and an unformed legal

road to the east.

Facilities Waikari Village walkway, historic

gates

Acquisition Purchased by Council in January

2000. Gazetted 28/08/2008 No.

133, p.3508

Introduction

The Great Northern Green is situated on Princes Street, Waikari. The land was purchased by the Hurunui District Council in 2000 with the view to develop the land into a village green area for the town and as a site to build a medical centre, which has since been excluded from the reserve land.

The reserve originally formed part of the old rail corridor, opening in 1882 to provide rail travel for passengers, and transportation for wheat that was farmed intensively in the Waikari area. Private sidings originally included the Waikari Flourmill, the Lime Company and stockyards. The site also contains a disused flour mill building. A walkway dissects the site along the old railway line and links with other walkways on the opposite side of Princes Street leading to the village and the Maori rock art.

The reserve hosts the annual Waikari Fun Run which follows tracks along some of the old railway line and along local roads.

The Great Northern Green is currently under development as an open space which includes a wetland area. Part of the reserve (0.809371 hectares) adjacent to the medical centre is currently leased for grazing.

The Hurunui Gateway Promotion Association has had significant input into the management and development of the reserve.

Specific Policies

- That part of the reserve continues to be leased for grazing purposes.
- That additional amenity and wetland planting be established as funds allow.
- That the green be maintained to a high standard.
- That noxious weed species including Gorse and Nasella Tussock be controlled and eradicated on an



Great Northern Green location map

on-going basis.

- That information boards be erected along the walkway displaying historical information about the area as funds allow.
- That signage be established which displays both Hurunui District Council and Hurunui Gateway Promotion Association logos to reflect their partnership arrangement.



Great Northern Green

Future development potential

The Great Northern Green shall continue to be developed into an attractive passive outdoor recreation space.



Great Northern Green

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Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall

Description

Location Hawarden

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 1.0871

Legal Description Lots 1 3 DP 16714, Block VII,

Waipara Survey District

District Plan T65

Notations

Adjacent Land Hawarden Reserve to the west
Facilities Stage, kitchen facilities, disabled

toilet and supper room

Acquisition Gazette ref 1966 p.602.

Classified by Council 24/11/05

Introduction

The Hawarden Community Hall is situated adjacent to the Hawarden Reserve and may be accessed from Horsley Down Road.

The Hawarden Hall has a stage, kitchen facilities, and supper room and is used for the A&P show and smaller local events like flower shows etc. It is also home to the Small Bore Rifle Club, which has an international standard facility. Community groups regularly use the hall during the week for activities such as karate and ballet.

The hall has received a small amount of damage from the Canterbury earthquakes and may in time require repair and strengthening work to be carried out.

Specific Policies

- That part of the reserve continues to be leased for grazing purposes.
- That additional amenity and wetland planting be established as funds allow.
- That the green be maintained to a high standard.
- That noxious weed species including Gorse and Nasella Tussock be controlled and eradicated on an on-going basis.
- That information boards be erected along the walkway displaying historical information about the area as funds allow.
- That freedom camping be permitted in accordance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Future development potential

The Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall is a social centre for the Hawarden community. In time, the facility may require upgrading.



Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall location map



Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall

Hawarden Reserve

Description

Location Hawarden

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 7.2310

Legal Description Part Lots 1-2 DP 13818 Block VII

Waipara Survey District

Adjacent Land Hawarden Hall to the east and

the town swimming pool to

south-west

Facilities A&P shed (1969), scout den

(1966), irrigation system, adventure playground, flying fox, rugby clubrooms and pavilion with upgraded kitchen, squash courts, rugby fields, cricket field (with artificial turf pitch), four tennis courts and two back boards, a bowling green, public toilets and War Memorial Gates.

Acquisition Gazette ref 1966 p.602, Lot 1

DP 13818. Classified by Council

24/11/05



The Hawarden Recreation Reserve is located at the corner of Allandale Road and Horsley Down Road. The reserve comprises a total area of 7.2310 hectares of land and was set aside for recreational purposes in 1950. Since its establishment, the reserve has been used as a venue for many social and recreational purposes. Most notable is its function as the site of the annual A&P show.

The Hawarden Recreation Reserve houses a total of five sporting clubs including bowling, tennis, rugby, squash, and a cricket club which is in slow decline. The rugby and tennis clubs share the same building which forms their pavilion and clubrooms at either end, separated by a kitchen which is managed by the Hawarden Hall and Reserve Committee. Other facilities located within the reserve grounds include a scout den and children's venue for many social and recreational purposes. Most notable is its function as the site of the annual A&P show.

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Hawarden Reserve location map

playground. The scout den has recently been re-clad in long run Colorsteel and new windows have been installed. Further improvements need to be made to this building.

The main users of the Hawarden Recreation Reserve are local people, either as participants in organized sports or for casual recreation. Because of its proximity to residential areas, the reserve is also used for casual recreation like walking, and dog exercising.



Hawarden Reserve

Specific Policies

- That all clubs be subject to a formal lease agreement.
- That additional amenity trees be planted.
- That the playground be maintained.
- That existing painted posts be re-painted as required.
- That the toilets located adjacent to the scout den are either closed or allocated a budged for cleaning/ maintenance.

Future development potential

The Hawarden Recreation Reserve serves as a social centre for the Hawarden community. It is a well-developed and maintained reserve which facilitates a wide range of sporting activities. Further development would be dependent on community demand and available funds.



Sports Grounds, Hawarden Reserve



Scout Den, Hawarden Reserve

Hawarden RSA Hall

Description

Location Hawarden

Classification Local Purpose Reserve - Hall

Area (hectares) 0.085

Legal Description Lot 8 DP 7103, Block VII,

Waipara Survey District

Adjacent Land Lions Recreation Reserve
Facilities Hall containing toy library
Acquisition Vested Gazette 3/04/1975,

p.775. Classified Local purpose (community buildings), NZ Gazette 19/05/05, p.1915

Introduction

The Hawarden RSA Hall is a local purpose reserve that was vested in the Council in 1975. The hall is a small weatherboard structure that has been used for a variety of uses over the years. It is currently the venue for the community toy library who are responsible for maintaining the lawns. The exterior of the hall has recently been repainted.

The rear section, directly behind the hall is grazed on an informal basis.

Specific Policies

- That the Hawarden RSA Hall continues to be used as a toy library.
- That monitoring is carried out to ensure that the grounds are kept tidy.

Future development potential

The Hawarden RSA Hall is an ideal venue for the toy library.



Hawarden RSA Hall



Hawarden RSA Hall location map

Hawarden War Memorial

Description

Location Hawarden

Classification Local Purpose Reserve - War

Memorial

Area (hectares) 0.062

Legal Description Lot 3 DP 73698, Block VII,

Waipara Survey District

District Plan D27

Notations

Adjacent Land Residential dwellings

Facilities Monument

Acquisition Hurunui District Council

Introduction

The Hawarden War Memorial is situated on the corner of High Street and O'Carrolls Road, Hawarden. The Memorial honours the fallen from both WWI and WWII and peace keepers.

Specific Policies

- That the Hawarden War Memorial be maintained.
- That the Hawarden War Memorial steps be painted on a regular basis.



Hawarden War Memorial



Hawarden War Memorial location map

Future development potential

The Hawarden War Memorial is to be retained.

Hurunui Recreation Reserve

Description

Location Medbury

Classification Recreation Reserve

Funding Category Amenity
Area (hectares) 34.3882

Legal Description Reserve 2598, Block IV, Waipara

Survey District, Block IV, Waikari

Survey District

Adjacent Land Farm land

Facilities Water tank, pony shed, judges

box, jockey's changing room,

and fences

Acquisition Gazetted domain 1884

Introduction

The Hurunui Recreation Reserve is located on Medbury Road, Waitohi. The reserve was historically used as a racecourse from 1884, serving the population of the Medbury, Hurunui and Peaks Districts. The last race meeting of that period was held in 1938. Recently however, there has been renewed interest in the reserve for horse related recreational activities including the biennial race meeting.

The Hawarden Waikari Pony Club leases a portion of the reserve and have their own storage shed and water tank. The balance of the land is leased for grazing and cropping purposes and provides a source of funding for reserve maintenance and enhancements.

Recent improvements to the racecourse include amenity planting, that once mature, will help to provide shade on race days. Replica historic race gates have also been installed at the entrance to the racecourse.

Specific Policies

- That reserve signage be erected on Medbury Road.
- That the existing reserve trees be maintained or felled as appropriate.
- That the existing historic former jockey's changing room and judges box be retained.
- That the race track be preserved and maintained as required.
- That amenity trees be planted within the reserve.
- That the reserve continue to be leased as required.
- That a new pen is built for horses to parade before or after a race.
- That new fencing be erected along the northern boundary of the racecourse.



Hurunui Recreation Reserve location map

Future development potential

The Hurunui Recreation Reserve is historically significant and is well utilised by the Hawarden Waikari Pony Club. With additional maintenance, the reserve may well be a desirable venue for additional special events.



Hurunui Recreation Reserve



Replica Historic Gates at Entrance to Hurunui Recreation Reserve

Kintail Plantation

Description

Location Waikari

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Plantation

Area (hectares) 9.7352

Legal Description Reserve 2232, Block VIII,

Waipara Survey District

Adjacent Land Farm land

Facilities Pine and macrocarpa trees

Acquisition Vested NZ Gazette 1957, p.837.

Classified NZ Gazette 14/06/07

p.1699

Introduction

The Kintail Plantation is located on Karaka Road, Waikari. The plantation was harvested of its pine trees in 1992. The plantation was then replanted in pine and macrocarpa trees in 1993.

Specific Policies

• That Kintail Plantation be harvested in 2022 in accordance with the plantation schedule.

Future development potential

The Kintail Plantation is due for harvest in 2022. At that time, a decision will be made as to whether the reserve should be replanted.



Kintail Plantation



Kintail Plantation location map

Lake Sumner Road Utility Reserve

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Local Purpose Reserve - Public

Utility

Area (hectares) 12.4940

Legal Description Lots 2-3 DP 51168, Block III,

Waitohi Survey District

Adjacent Land Waitohi River

Facilities None

Acquisition Vested on deposit of plan.

Classified by Council 16/05/07.

Introduction

The Lake Sumner Utility Reserve is the intake source point and pump site for the Waitohi Rural Water Scheme. This water supply is designed for stock and household use.

The utility reserve is informally grazed as a form of maintenance. However, the reserve requires active intervention to control weeds pests such as broom, gorse, and old man's beard.

Specific Policies

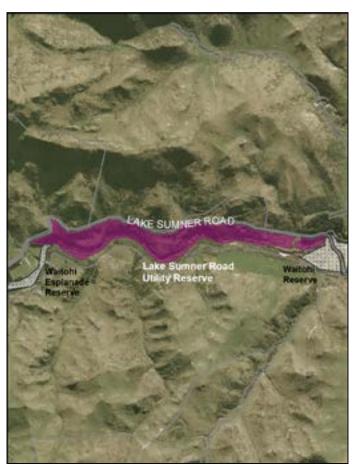
- That a lease agreement be drafted for the grazing of the utility reserve.
- That native trees be planted as for soil conservation.

Future development potential

The Lake Sumner Road Utility Reserve should be cleared of all noxious vegetation prior to any amenity planting.



Lake Sumner Road Utility Reserve



Lake Sumner Road Utility Reserve location map

Lions Reserve

Description

Location Hawarden

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 0.0827

Legal Description Lot 12 DP 21158, Block VII,

Waipara Survey District

Adjacent Land Hawarden RSA Hall

Facilities Seat, footbridge and water

supply

Acquisition Vested and classified NZ Gazette

7/06/07 p.1642

Introduction

The Lions Reserve is situated on the corner of Moore Street and O'Carrolls Road, Hawarden.

The Lions Reserve was developed by the Waipara County Lions as a year 2000 environment project. The Lions developed this section of freehold land as a native reserve for passive recreation. The reserve features a small footbridge over an open drain, native plantings, seating and shade trees.

Specific Policies

- That the reserve be well maintained.
- That additional amenity plantings be established over time including the extension of planting along the northern boundary.
- That the sign be updated to refer to the Hawarden-Waikari Lions as the club is now known.
- That the stormwater drain running along O'Carrolls Road be cleaned out and maintained.

Future development potential

The Lions Reserve is a tribute to the work of the Lion's Club, and should be maintained to a high standard to reflect this.



Lions Reserve location map



Lions Reserve

Medbury Plantation Reserves

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Plantation

Area (hectares) 8.0938

Legal Description Reserves 3072, 3080, 3073,

Block V, Waitohi Survey District

Adjacent Land Farm land Facilities Fences

Acquisition NZ Gazette 7/02/57

pp.184&185. Classified local purpose (plantation), NZ Gazette

19/05/05, p.1915

Introduction

The Medbury Plantation Reserves are situated in close proximity to each other on The Peaks Road, Waitohi. The plantation reserves were replanted in 2003, and will be allowed to grow for the next 25-30 years.

Specific Policies

- That the Medbury Plantation Reserves continue to be managed as plantation reserves.
- That the trees be left to grow for the next 25-30 years.

Future development potential

The Medbury Plantation Reserves are well suited to the cultivation of cash crop trees.



Medbury Plantation Reserves



Medbury Plantation Reserves location map

Rutherford Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Esplanade

Area (hectares) 2.24

Legal Description Lot 5 DP 54526, Block II, Okuku

Survey District

Adjacent Land Virginia Road and the Waitohi

River

Facilities None

Acquisition Vested on deposit of plan 1990.

Classified by Council 16/05/07.

Introduction

Rutherford Esplanade Reserve is situated along the Waipara River on Virginia Road. The reserve was vested in the Council on the subdivision of the Rutherford family farm.

Specific Policies

 That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

Rutherford Esplanade Reserve may benefit from the planting of additional native flaxes.



Rutherford Esplanade Reserve



Rutherford Esplanade Reserve location map

Stocks Reserve

Description

Location Waikari

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Community Use

Area (hectares) 0.3100

Legal Description Lot 2 DP 14510 & Part Lot 3

DP 14510, XII, Waipara Survey

District

Adjacent Land Waikari public conveniences

Facilities Toilets, picnic tables

Acquisition Hurunui District Council. Vested

and classified as local purpose (community use) NZ Gazette

26/08/04, p.2582.

Introduction

Stocks Reserve is situated on the corner of Weka Pass Road and Princes Street, Waikari. The reserve has been developed alongside the new public conveniences and is ideal as a rest stop for travellers.

The reserve is named after a former Waikari resident, the late Jack Stocks, who built a small cottage on the site which he later gifted to the Council. Jack worked as a builder with his brother-in-law, before becoming the Council's dog doser for many years. The cottage has since been removed from Stocks Reserve.

A huge amount of local volunteer input has gone into the development of the reserve which includes artwork installations created by local artists such as the Corriedale Sheep statue in dedication to local farmers and a moa sculpture. A water feature depicting Weka Pass through to the Lakes is being built to further enhance the reserve. which will eventually be hooked up to power and water. Other development plans include a miniature depiction of the Maori rock art and amenity planting and landscaping.

Specific Policies

- That Stocks Reserve be maintained as appropriate.
- That Stocks Reserve be kept as an open, accessible green space.
- That Stocks Reserve be developed in accordance with approved community development plans.
- That freedom camping be permitted in accordance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Future development potential

Stocks Reserve is ideal for development as a rest stop and picnic area for travellers. There is a strong community intention to secure district funding for the reserve.



Stocks Reserve location map

Although the Hurunui Tourism Board provides information for travellers on the attractions and businesses of the local area, it would also be appropriate for information boards to be erected at the reserve which tell a story about the history of the area.



Stocks Reserve

Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Esplanade

Area (hectares) 1.44

Legal Description Lots 2-3 DP 50982, Blocks II III,

Okuku Survey District

Adjacent Land Waitohi River

Facilities None

Acquisition Vested on deposit of plan 1986.

Classified by Council 16/05/07

Introduction

The Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve is comprised of two lots situated along side the Waipara River, Waitohi.

The reserve features a modified wet land environment with mature native flaxes and sedges.

Specific Policies

• That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

The Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve is in good condition but may benefit from the planting of a few amenity trees.



Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve



Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve location map

Waikari Bowling Club Reserve

Description

Location Waikari

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 6.2

Legal Description Part Lot 1 DP 9182, Waikari

Township, Block XII, Waipara

Survey District

Adjacent Land Bordered by residential land to

the south and by rural land on

the north side.

Facilities Bowling club rooms, bowling

green and bowling shelter

Acquisition Vested 1985 pg. 1405

Introduction

The Waikari Bowling Club Reserve is located on Cambridge Street, just off Princes Street, Waikari. It is bordered by residential land to the south and by rural land on the north side. Access to the bowling club and parking is gained from Cambridge Street. Waikari Bowling Club Reserve is managed by the Waikari Hall and Reserve Committee.

Adjacent to the club grounds is an area of grazing land which is accessible via a grass track that is the unformed continuation of Cambridge Street.

The bowling club features clubrooms, a bowling shelter and the bowling green. The bowling green is well sheltered by an established macrocarpa hedge.

Specific Policies

- That the pine hedge located along the southern boundary of the site be removed due to the fire risk it poses and replaced with deer-fencing partway along with native planting in front.
- That sheep fencing be erected to the east of the site in front of the adjoining properties.
- That the Waikari Bowling Club be subject to a formal lease agreement as exclusive occupiers and managers of the premises they use.
- That the Waikari Bowling Club continue to maintain the grounds and premises.
- That the grazing paddocks continue to be managed by the Waikari Hall and Reserve Committee.

Future development potential

The Waikari Bowling Club Reserve is a well-established facility, and to date there is no apparent need to further develop any of the remaining grazed reserve land.



Waikari Bowling Club Reserve location map



Waikari Bowling Club Reserve

Waikari Hill Plantation

Description

Location Waikari

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Plantation

Area (hectares) 7.2793

Legal Description Reserve 4884, 4885, XII, Waipara

Survey District

Adjacent Land Farm land

Facilities Pine Plantation

Acquisition Vested NZ Gazette 1957, p.837.

Classified NZ Gazette 14/06/07

p.1699

Introduction

The Waikari Hill Plantation is accessed from Waikari Valley Road, Waikari. A total of 6.0 hectares of the plantation reserve was planted in pine trees in 1985 and will be due for harvest in 2015.

Specific Policies

• That the Waikari Hill Plantation be harvested in 2015 in accordance with the plantation schedule.

Future development potential

The Waikari Hill Plantation is due for harvest in 2015. At that time a decision will be made as to whether the plantation reserve should be replanted.



Waikari Hill Plantation



Waikari Hill Plantation location map

Waikari Recreation Reserve

Description

Location Waikari

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 3.511

Legal Description Part Reserve 5290, Block XII,

Waipara Survey District

Adjacent Land Residential sites to the east and

west, and grazed farmland to

the north

Facilities Scout den (1958), public toilet

block (1970), remote camping ground (1986 upgrade): including kitchen, wash room, and ablution block, pig hunt rail, cricket pavilion (1951), three netball courts, three tennis courts, and sports oval.

Acquisition Gazette 1962 p.2013, Gazette

1985 p.1405

Introduction

The Waikari Recreation Reserve is a large facility serving various sports and recreation groups in Waikari. Located on Princes Street opposite the Waikari Primary School, the main vehicle entrance to the reserve is at the corner of Princes Street and Mona Vale Street.

A portion of the reserve was originally school land which was given for a domain, with the understanding that the school retained the right to use it at any time. Developed in the 1950's, the reserve has facilities to support a wide range of uses including: cricket, netball, tennis and other more passive recreation uses like picnicking, children's play and casual use.

In recent decades sporting use of the reserve has been on the decline, with both rugby (1982) and cricket clubs (1994) moving to join their numbers with the Hawarden clubs. The Waikari Reserve and Hall Committee assessed this decline in use and proposed using the sports area as a campground. Subsequently, the area now meets current standards and operates as a remote camping ground.

Specific Policies

- That the hedges and shelter belt trees be maintained appropriately and replaced where necessary.
- That additional picnic tables and seating be erected in both the children's play area and the camping area.
- That amenity plantings be established.
- That the campground continue to be developed and promoted.



Waikari Recreation Reserve location map

- That signage be installed at the dump disposal point for caravans.
- That remote camping information be presented clearly on a sign.
- That existing structures be re-painted as required.
- That vegetation be cut back from the play equipment.
- That the playground be maintained.



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- That amenity trees be planted alongside the pines on the Mona Vale Street side.
- That lease agreements be drafted for occupiers of the clubrooms.
- That the access drive from Princes Street to the Pavilion be sealed.
- That more electric points be installed.
- That the water line is extended to power points and that each post is supplied with a tap.
- That dump stations be installed by the toilets and that the existing dump station outside the kitchen be removed.
- That rubbish bins be replaced particularly around the playground.
- That a turnaround shingled area be created for campers.
- That the basins and taps within the toilet block be replaced.
- That a stock-proof boundary fence is erected along the northern boundary of the reserve and that amenity planting be placed alongside.
- That new rugby posts are erected.



Waikari Recreation Reserve

Future development potential

The Waikari Recreation Reserve is divided in two by a tall pine hedgerow that efwfectively segregates the camping area and the sports oval from the tennis and children's play area. The remote camping ground should continue to be promoted to encourage visitors to stay in the township.

Waitohi Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Local Purpose Reserve -

Esplanade

Area (hectares) 1.1600

Legal Description Lot 4 DP 51168, Block III,

Waitohi Survey District

Adjacent Land Waitohi River

Facilities None

Acquisition Vested on deposit of plan in

1987. Classified by Council

16/05/07

Introduction

The Waitohi Esplanade Reserve is situated in the Waitohi Gorge along the Waitohi River. The reserve consists of a stand of willow trees and may be viewed from Lake Sumner Road.

Specific Policies

- That the willow trees on the Waitohi Esplanade Reserve be retained.
- That adjoining land owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

The Waitohi Esplanade Reserve is well developed with a healthy stand of willow trees.



Waitohi Esplanade Reserve



Waitohi Esplande Reserve location map

Waitohi Gravel Reserve

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Local Purpose Reserve - Public

Utility

Area (hectares) 0.4047

Legal Description Reserve 3494, Block III, Waipara

Survey District

Adjacent Land Farm land Facilities Fences

Acquisition Vested NZ Gazette 1900, p.1299

& 1960, p.1051. Classified NZ Gazette 14/06/07 p.1699

Introduction

Waitohi Gravel Reserve is situated on the corner of Bakers and Lake Sumner Road. The reserve has been utilised for gravel extraction purposes in the past. Currently, the reserve is grazed informally by the adjoining land owner.

Specific Policies

- That the Waitohi Gravel Reserve continue to be grazed for maintenance purposes.
- That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

The Waitohi Gravel Reserve is suitable for lease for grazing purposes and the generation of funding for district reserve development.



Waitohi Gravel Reserve



Waitohi Gravel Reserve location map

Waitohi Reserve

Description

Location Waitohi

Classification Recreation Reserve

Area (hectares) 5.6512

Legal Description Rural Sections 4110 & 41197,

Block III, Waitohi Survey District

- Survey Office 15180

Adjacent Land Lake Sumner Road Utility

Reserve

Facilities Picnic tables and open barbe-

ques

Acquisition Vested in the Hurunui District

Council. Gazette 1995-3403

1980-3004

Introduction

The Waitohi Reserve is an area endowed with significant scenic and historic value. It has been a popular picnicking and camping spot since the 1930's, but seventy years earlier the area was better known as the trailhead site for the Harper Pass crossing of the Main Divide. This crossing was the only known pack route to the west coast until the opening of Arthurs Pass in 1866.

The Waitohi Reserve is located on the access road to Lake Sumner, which is a popular destination for visitors in the summer months. The reserve is divided in two by Lake Sumner Road, which roughly coincides with the different land use of each area. The 'upper terrace' parcel of the land is primarily used for grazing, while the lower riverside of the roadway is designated for recreational uses such as picnicking and swimming.

Recently two handcrafted log cabins have been erected on the reserve which can be rented out for a night and are in keeping with the freedom camping nature of the reserve.

Specific Policies

- That the Waitohi Reserve be maintained.
- That a lease agreement is established to maintain the reserve on a day-to-day basis for camping purposes.
- That a remote toilet be installed within the reserve.
- That the reserve be promoted as a remote camping ground.
- That picnic and barbeque facilities be upgraded.
- That the swimming hole access be upgraded.
- That amenity trees be planted.
- That a historic interpretation board be erected on completion of the upgrades.



Waitohi Reserve location map

Future development potential

In its present overgrown condition, the Waitohi Reserve does not reflect the historic value of the area. In recent years, numbers of visitors to Lake Sumner have increased. It is highly likely that more people would be interested in stopping at the Waitohi Reserve if the amenity value of the area was improved.



Waitohi Reserve