

West Ward - Hurunui Reserves



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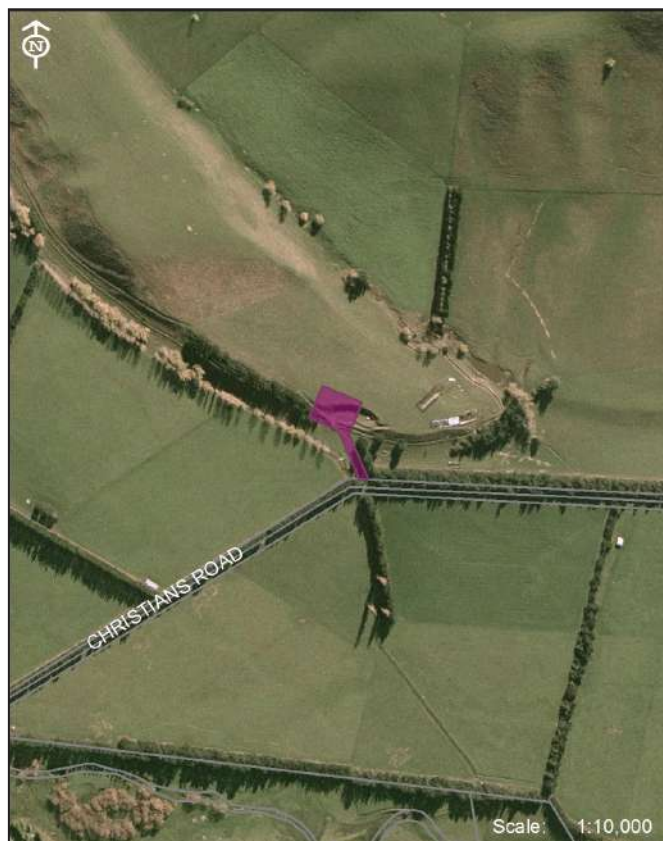
Christians Road Gravel Reserve

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.



Christians Road Gravel Reserve location map



Christians Road Gravel Road

Specific policies

- That the adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.
- That grazing of the reserve continue until consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

Christians Road Gravel Reserve is suitable for grazing purposes to generate funding for District Reserve development until such time as it can be disposed of.

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, retention pond and skate ramp
Acquisition	Purchased by Council in January 2000. Gazetted 28/08/2008 No. 133, p.3508.



Great Northern Green location map

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 Māori 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.



Great Northern Green

Specific policies

- That part of the reserve continues to be leased for grazing purposes in front of the medical centre.
- That additional amenity and wetland planting be established as funds allow.
- That consideration be given to the establishment of a community garden.
- 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 signage be established which displays both Hurunui District Council and Hurunui Gateway Promotion Association logos to reflect their partnership arrangement.
- That community events are encouraged with an approved events permit.

Future development potential

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



Great Northern Green

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 Notations	T65
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.



Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall location map



Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall

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 ongoing basis.
- 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 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, netball 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.

Introduction

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 four sporting clubs including bowling, tennis, rugby and squash. 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.

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.



Hawarden Reserve location map

Other facilities located within the reserve grounds include a scout den and children's 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 which occupy the reserve be subject to a 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 budget 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.



Hawarden RSA Hall location map



Hawarden RSA Hall

Specific policies

- That monitoring is carried out to ensure that the grounds are kept tidy.
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

The Hawarden RSA Hall be considered for revocation and disposal.

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 Notations	D27
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.



Hawarden War Memorial



Hawarden War Memorial location map

Specific policies

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

Future development potential

The Hawarden War Memorial is to be retained.

Hurunui Recreation Reserve

Description

Location	Medbury
Classification	Recreation Reserve
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.



Hurunui Recreation Reserve location map

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.



Hurunui Recreation Reserve

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 and native trees be planted and maintained 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 fencing be maintained along the northern boundary of the racecourse.
- That all clubs which occupy the reserve be subject to a lease agreement.

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.



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.



Kintail Plantation location map

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.



Kintail Plantation

Specific policies

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

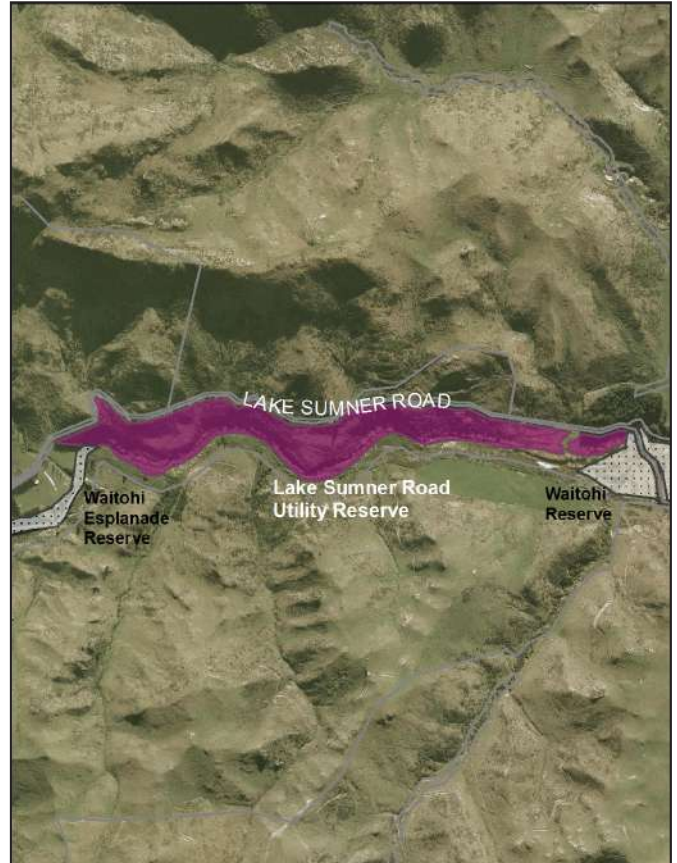
Future development potential

The Kintail Plantation was harvest in 2022 and replanted in 2023. Once the plantation is due to be harvested, a decision will be made as to whether the reserve should be replanted.

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.



Lake Sumner Road Utility Reserve location map

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.



Lake Sumner Road Utility Reserve

Specific policies

- That a lease agreement be drafted for the grazing of the utility reserve.
- That native trees be planted as for soil conservation.
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

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

It is possible this reserve could be disposed of in the future.

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, picnic tables 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.



Lions Reserve location map



Lions Reserve

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.

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.



Medbury Plantation Reserves location map

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.



Medbury Plantation Reserves

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.

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.



Rutherford Esplanade Reserve location map



Rutherford Esplanade Reserve

Specific policies

- That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

Rutherford Esplanade Reserve may benefit from the planting of additional native flaxes. There is no public access to this reserve, it is possible this reserve could be disposed of in the future.

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 and chlorine-free water tap
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 Māori rock art and amenity planting and landscaping.



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

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.

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.



Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve location map



Virginia Road Esplanade Reserve

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.

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.



Waikari Bowling Club Reserve location map



Waikari Bowling Club Reserve

Specific policies

- 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 entranceway, 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 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.



Waikari Hill Plantation location map



Waikari Hill Plantation

Specific policies

- That the Waikari Hill Plantation be harvested in 2015 in accordance with the plantation schedule.
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

The Waikari Hill Plantation was harvested in 2020 and replanted. A decision will be made as to whether the plantation reserve should be replanted in 2050.

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), three netball courts, three tennis courts, and sports oval.
Acquisition	Gazette 1962 p.2013, Gazette 1985 p.1405



Waikari Recreation Reserve location map

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.



Waikari Recreation Reserve

Specific policies

- That amenity plantings be established.
- That the campground continue to be developed and promoted.
- 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.
- 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 more electric points be installed.
- 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.

Future development potential

The Waikari Recreation Reserve is divided in two by a tall pine hedgerow that effectively 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.



Waikari Recreation Reserve

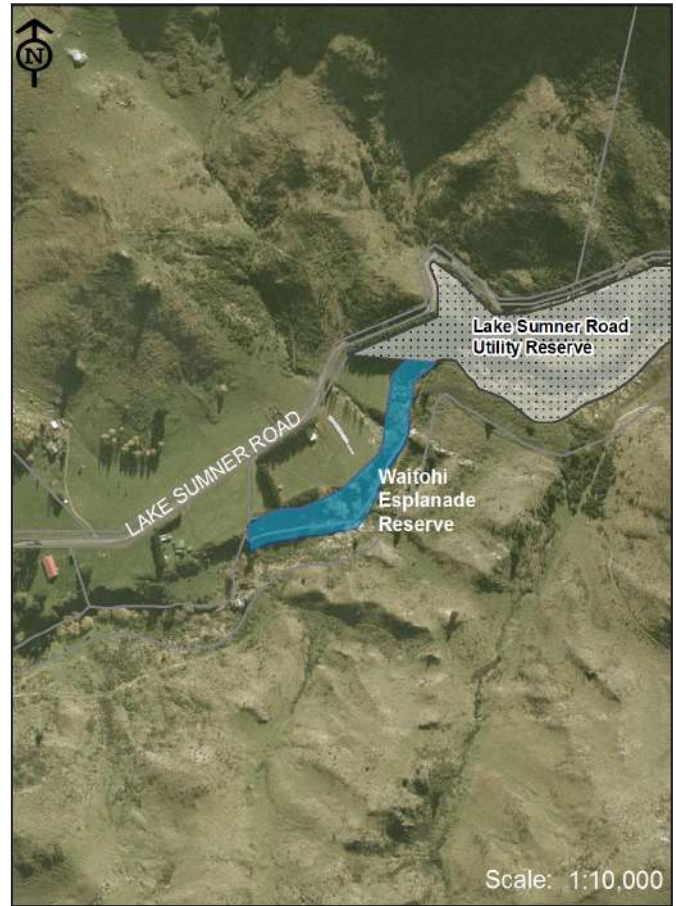
Waitohi Esplanade Reserve

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.



Waitohi Esplanade Reserve location map



Waitohi Esplanade Reserve

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 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.



Waitohi Gravel Reserve location map



Waitohi Gravel Reserve

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.
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

The Waitohi Gravel Reserve is suitable for lease for grazing purposes and the generation of funding for district reserve development. There is potential for this reserve to be disposed of.

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, remote toilet and open barbeques
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 1930s, but 70 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



Waitohi Reserve location map

lower river-side 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.



Waitohi 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.

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.