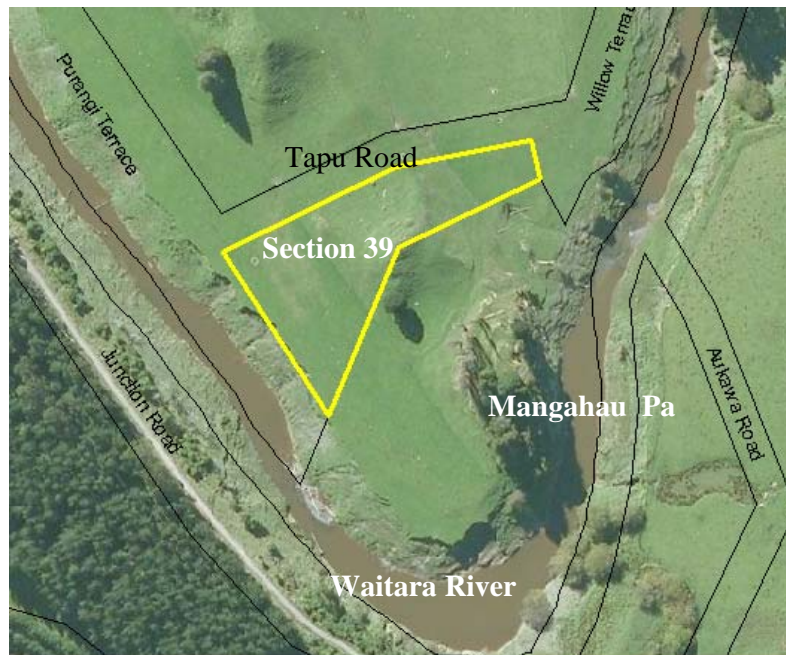


## 6.8 Purangi Cemetery

### Description

Location:	Purangi Terrace/Tapu Road, Purangi
Legal description:	Section 39 Purangi Suburban, Block II Ngatimaru Survey District
Size:	0.86 hectares
Reserve status:	Subject to Reserves Act 1977
Reserve classification:	Local purpose (cemetery) reserve



### Physical description

The cemetery is set in a rural location and accessed by an unformed legal road that is part of a farm. Access starts at the entrance way to the Purangi Domain along the unformed Purangi Terrace which is above the bank of the Waitara River.

A steep hillock dominates the cemetery on its southern boundary. The cemetery is not contained by a fence line but is part of three separate fields.

Evidence of grave sites is limited to four visible grave surrounds; two of which have headstones laid down within them and one surround partially covered by soil and grass. There are several trees stumps on the cemetery ground in the vicinity of the graves. All parts of the cemetery grounds are grazed.

### Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe and of historic and cultural significance to Ngati Maru Iwi. The cemetery adjoins two waahi tapu sites; Mangahau Pa and a kainga.

### **Land status and acquisition history**

In a gazette notice dated March 1898 (page 442), Governor Ranfurly pursuant to Section 235 of 'The Land Act 1892', permanently reserved Section 39 Purangi Suburban Block, for the purpose of a cemetery.

The Inglewood County Council was appointed trustees of the cemetery by the Governor-General C. L. N. Newall, on the 14 April 1945, pursuant to section 55 of the Cemeteries Act 1908. It is recorded in the gazette notice as the Purangi Public Cemetery.

In a gazette notice dated July 1984 (page 3099), R Lancaster the Assistant Commissioner of Lands pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977, vested the reserve in trust to the Inglewood County Council and classified it as Local purpose (cemetery) reserve.

### **History and cultural values**

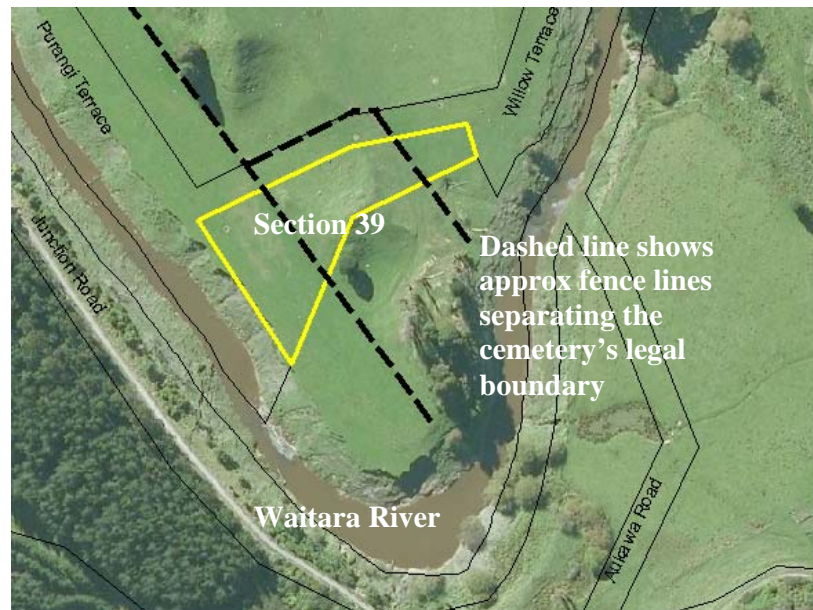
The burial records for Purangi Cemetery indicate the first burial occurred in 1895, and the most recent in December 1955. There are 20 recorded burials in the cemetery.

The cemetery was controlled and managed by Crown appointed trustees prior to the Council being appointed as trustees.

There are two neighbouring waahi tapu sites immediately to the south of the cemetery. They are the Magahau Pa and a kainga. Both are listed in the District Plan, the Mangahau Pa as number 705 and the kainga as 582. The kainga also has a New Zealand Archaeological Association listing of 19/263.

### **Existing improvements**

There are no improvements at this cemetery other than farm fencing.



### **Management and administration**

The Purangi Cemetery is currently managed by the New Plymouth District Council. The last burial application received by the Council at the cemetery was in 1973, at that time the burial application was referred to the Inglewood Cemetery. An application to reserve a plot was made in February 2003, this was declined with the response that the cemetery would require surveying to establish the location of available plots. There are difficulties presented to the Council if a burial application is received for Purangi Cemetery. Because of the occurrence of unmarked graves in the cemetery, the ground would need to be surveyed to identify them. The cost of doing this is outside of existing budgets and is not included in the 2009-2019 Community Plan. The nearest cemetery to Purangi is at Tarata.

**Western slope of the cemetery in centre of photograph. Mangahau Pa to the right of cemetery hill, covered in trees.**



### **Management objectives and specific policy**

- The cemetery is managed as an open cemetery.
- The cemetery is managed through grazing of the entire cemetery site.
- A grazing license is to be maintained for the maintenance of the cemetery land.
- The area of the cemetery that has had pre 1900 development is potentially an archaeological area. This relates to the area of the cemetery where the pre 1900 graves are located.

**Outlined area indicates the area of pre 1900 development at the cemetery, constituting an archaeological area under the Historic Places Act 1993.**



**The three identifiable grave sites at Purangi**

