

6.18 Kauri/Karaka Street Reserve

Description

Location:	Kauri/Karaka St
Legal description:	Lot 1 DP 12544
Size:	1.66 ha
Reserve status:	Reserve



Physical description

This reserve is an undulating piece of land surrounded by residential houses in the Merrilands area. It forms connections between several local roads and cul de sacs including Kauri St, Karaka St, Skeet Place and Te Ngaere Place.

Within the reserve is a significant native bush remnant, which is known to contain a rare plant -*Peperomia urvilleana* (a small epiphyte).

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi and Nga Mahanga a Tairi. The area is of historic and cultural significance to Ngati Te Whiti and Te Kotahitanga o Nga Mahanga a Tairi.

Land status and history

This land was previously held by the crown for state housing purposes. In 1979 it was set apart by the Assistant Commissioner of Crown lands as reserve for recreation purposes and vested in the New Plymouth City Council.

Between 1990 and 1995 Merrilands School adopted the bush remnant (known to them as Skeet Bush). Children from the school worked in the reserve to enhance the bush

remnant including extensive weed clearance and Arbor Day plantings in 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Existing improvements

This reserve is largely undeveloped. Post and rail fencing exists on the road frontages of Kauri and Karaka Streets. Walking tracks also exist through the native bush remnant, which were created by Merrilands School.

Uses and activities

This reserve is suitable for passive recreation and child's play on the flat open areas.

Classification

Recreation

Management objectives and specific policies

- Future development of this reserve will focus on further developing a pathway, which links all connecting streets, as well as formalising a path through the bush remnant.
- Vegetation will be maintained and enhanced to ensure ecological and amenity values are preserved.

Visual Resource Key

Landscape/Spatial Features

- Land Parcel
- Mown Open Space
- Entry Points

Vegetation

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

Structures

- Pedestrian Entry Sign
- Proposed Seats
- Existing Timber Barrier
- Existing Mown Pathway



Landscape Context Key

Landscape Features

- Stream

Spatial Features

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



Existing Concrete Pathway