

## 24. Urenui Sportsground and Community Centre

### Description

Location:	Takiroa Street, Urenui
Legal description:	Lot 2 DP 14701 (Sportsfield) PT Lot 2 DP 2400 (Community Centre) Lot 2 DP 2515 (Playcentre)
Size:	4.37 hectares
Reserve Status:	Lot 2 DP 14701 is subject to the Reserves Act 1977 but Pt Lot 2 DP 2400 and Lot 2 DP 2515 are not.
Reserve Classification:	Recreation reserve (Lot 2 DP 14701) Retain as Freehold (Part Lot 2 DP 2400 and Lot 2 DP 2515)



### Physical description

Urenui Sportsfield and Community Centre is located to the south east of Takiroa Street in Urenui. The land contains the community centre, sports park and some bush. The park has two fields available for sports. The sports played are currently social rugby and school soccer. In the south east corner is the entrance to Noel Nain walkway.

The walkway goes from the Urenui Cemetery through private land (Urenui School) and into the Urenui Sportsfield and Community Centre.

The park is Open Space A Environment Area in the District Plan. These areas are used primarily for organised sports and recreation. Such areas will normally have associated buildings such as clubrooms, changing sheds or toilet facilities. The park is surrounded by Residential C Environment Area to the north and west (including Urenui Primary School to the north), and rural to the east.

### **Tangata whenua interests**

The reserve is within the tribal rohe Ngāti Mutunga. Ngāti Mutunga have received statutory acknowledgement by the crown for their cultural, spiritual, historic and traditional association with the area.

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

Lot 2 DP 14701 (formally being part of Blocks III and VII Waitara Survey District being Part Lot 2 on DP 1095 and Section 4 and part of Section 3 Urenui District) was vested in the Clifton County Council from a Urenui farmer upon subdivision pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 as a Local Purpose (Sportsground) reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977. This lot has never been formally classified.

There are two easements registered on the title for this lot, one being subject to a right (in gross) to pump move convey and transport natural gas products, petroleum products, water, other liquids and gases and mixtures of any of the foregoing over part shown centre-line A-B on DP 15732 in favour of The Natural Gas Corporation of New Zealand Limited, and the other being subject to a right (in gross) to pump move convey and transport natural gas products, petroleum products, water, other liquids and gases and mixtures of any of the foregoing over part shown centre-line C-D on DP 15732 in favour of The Maui Development Limited.

PT Lot 2 DP 2400 (formally being part of Section Three, Urenui District – Block III Waitara Survey District) was purchased by the Clifton County Council from the Farmers Co-operative Organisation Society of New Zealand Limited for the sum of \$500 in 1984. This land remains freehold and therefore is not subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Lot 2 DP 2515 was purchased by the Clifton County Council from Dalgety Crown Corporation Ltd for the sum of \$500 in 1984. The land also remains in freehold and therefore is not subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

It is recommended that in order for the Council to maintain flexibility in regards to future use, these parcels not be declared subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

### **History and cultural values**

The development of a community centre as part of an overall sports park complex was proposed and constructed in 1991. The community centre includes a district library, meeting room/hall complex and a district medical centre.

The community centre is a Council facility and administered and maintained by the Community Centre Committee with some formal assistance from the Council. In the early 1990s the sports fields were used for rugby, school sports, athletics, cricket and a number of Urenui festivals. Today, the only sports played on the fields are social games of rugby and school soccer and events including the bi-annually ~~early~~ Urenui Rodeo, and medieval training camps which include events such as infantry formations, archery, "mass combat", and jousting practice.

The design and development of a skatepark in Urenui was funded by the Council in 2002. The skatepark was completed and opened in 2003.

The Noel Nairn walkway entrance is within the park and an identification sign is present stating Noel Nairn Walkway. The walkway is named after Noel Nairn who is recognised for having made a significant contribution to the district over many years.

The reserve is currently managed with the assistance of the Urenui Community Centre Committee.

### **Existing improvements**

The existing improvements within the reserve include:

Carpark, skatepark, rubbish bin, barriers, fences, gates, path, and four floodlights.

### **Uses and activities**

The sports park has two fields available; one large field for rugby and a smaller field for school soccer. The fields are suitable for both formal and casual recreation. The skate park is a popular facility for youth of the area.

The following group has a land only lease for their facility at Urenui Sportsfield and Community Centre:

- Urenui Playcentre (Pt Lot 2 DP2400) - lease expires 2020.

### **Objectives and specific policies**

- The Urenui Sportsground and Community Centre reserve will be managed as a site for a community centre, other community buildings and open space suitable for formal and informal recreation use.
- Leases will be established and maintained with occupants of the community centre building
- An agreement with Urenui School for public access along the Noel Nairn walkway will be established.
- An agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Council and the Community Management Committee will be established, including:

### **Responsibilities of the ‘committee’ –**

1. Appoint a contact person who will be available to take bookings for the ‘reserve’ and have their details published on the Council’s website.
2. Take bookings for use of the reserve and set conditions for the use in accordance with Council’s venue hire agreement.
3. Keep records of bookings and use of the reserve and submit this information along with the committee’s annual accounts by the 31<sup>st</sup> October every year.
4. Undertake basic maintenance of the ‘reserve’ to ensure it is maintained in a tidy condition, suitable for the purposes which it is used, including -
  - Maintenance of amenity gardens, including the removal of green waste
  - Removal of weeds and maintenance of areas outside of those areas which are mown by the Council.

- Keep tidy and ensure removal of weeds in any areas which are maintained by grazing.
  - Collection and disposal of rubbish
5. Monitoring the grazing of any part of the reserves against conditions set out in a grazing licence issued by the New Plymouth District Council.
  6. Maintain and keep clean Council owned buildings located on the reserve that are used by the committee or the community, including providing consumables for ablution facilities where these exists.
  7. Report to the Council in a prompt manner any damage to Council structures and assets, including graffiti
  8. Inform the Council of the need for major maintenance and capital improvements.

**Responsibilities of the ‘Council’ –**

1. Maintain mown playing surfaces to the level of service set out in the Community Plan.
  2. The Council will be responsible for tree and bush maintenance within the Noel Nairn Walkway.
  3. Undertake regular inspections of Council-owned structures and assets against safety standards
  4. Undertake repair of Council-owned structures excluding those covered by another agreement (i.e. maintenance of fences is usually covered in a grazing licence).
  5. Administer the Rural Domain funding scheme in accordance with the current policy and budget allocation set through the Community Plan.
  6. Grant and administer leases for buildings and/or other structures on the reserve.
  7. Provide technical support and advice to the committee when required.
- The Council will be responsible for approving any development undertaken on the sport parks in accordance with the development concept.
  - The Council will work with the neighbouring property owner to establish a fence of the true boundary on the southern side of the reserve.
  - The southern section above the southern terrace will continue to be grazed and a grazing licence shall be established with the grazier.
  - Agreement for occupation of temporary storage containers be established with owner.