

## 22. *Manukorihi Park*

### Description

Location:	Manukorihi Road, Waitara
Legal description:	PT Section 96 Waitara East DIST Section 1 SO 12409 PT Lot 13 DP 14009
Size:	14.17 hectares
Reserve Status:	Subject to the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification:	Recreation reserve



Manukorihi Road

### Physical description

Manukorihi Park is a sports park with access located off Manukorihi Road in Waitara. The park has two full sized fields or three mini fields available. The sports played are currently soccer and cricket.

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 rural areas to the east and south, and Residential A Environment Area to the north west.

A river runs along the western boundary of the park and the area is subsequently within a potential flood zone.

The Dick Wilson Memorial Planting and Walkway track runs along the eastern boundary of the park through the bush section. It is a natural track and runs for a length of 354m.

### **Tangata whenua interests**

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi. It is of historic and cultural significance to Manukorihi hapū and Otaraua hapū.

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

Section 1 SO 12409 was purchased by the North Taranaki District Council in 1989 and pursuant to Section 105 or 106 of the Public Works Act 1981. In 1989 a Gazette extract noted that “that in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977, the North Taranaki District Council hereby resolves that the within land held by said district Council in fee simple shall be and the same is hereby declared to be a Recreation Reserve within the meaning of the said Act”.

Part Section 96 Waitara East District is vested with the New Plymouth District Council. It was originally part of Manukorihi Road and vested in the Waitara Borough Council. The road was stopped in 1982 and a new appellation allocated. The land was classified as recreation reserve in 1985.

In 1983 Part Lot 13 DP 14009 was vested in the Clifton County Council as local purpose (esplanade) Reserve and pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 and Local Government Act 1974. Lot 13 was declared as recreation reserve and classified in 1985.

The access road into the park continues to be held as legal road reserve and is known as Manukorihi Road.

### **History and cultural values**

The sports park has previously been used for soccer, cricket, touch rugby and school cross country.

The walkway track that runs along the eastern boundary of the park through the bush section is a natural track and runs for a length of 354m. A wooden sign saying ‘Dick Wilson Memorial Planting and Walkway’ is located at the entrance to the walkway.

### **Existing improvements**

The existing improvements within the reserve include:

Four bridges, two rubbish bins, barriers, fences, gate, four floodlights, two signs, steps, walkway track, a carpark, an entrance road, and clubrooms.

There is a water supply pipe at the northern end of the park running along the western border.

### **Uses and activities**

Manukorihi Park is a sports park with two fields available which are used for cricket and soccer. The club rooms are owned by the resident club.

The following club holds a land only lease for their building at Manukorihi Park:

- Manukorihi Sports Club for their clubrooms (lease expired 2010 with a further 21 year right of renewal)

### **Management objectives and specific policies**

1. This park will be managed as a sports park suitable for formal and informal sport and recreation, and the planting within as a regenerating bush remnant and walkway.
2. Future development of Manukorihi Park will be in accordance with the development concept including:
  - Sealing a loop road and further car parking.
  - Specimen shade trees in a sloping area toward the southern end of park
3. A lease will be maintained with the Manukorihi Sports Club for their clubrooms. Any extensions to the footprint of the existing building will be considered on a case by case basis in accordance with General Policies for Council administered reserves.
4. The Council has previously considered (in 2008) the issue of vehicle vandalism at the park and the option of stopping the legal road and installing a gate. Stopping the legal road is not considered appropriate due to the access it provides to other properties and increased costs associated with roadways that are not subsidised by the NZ Transport Agency.
5. Ongoing vandalism will be managed by maintaining appropriate barriers around the car park to prevent access to the playing surfaces.