

14. *Peringa Park*

Description

Location:	Clemow Street, New Plymouth
Legal description:	Part Section 159 HUA District Lot 1 DP 5985 Part Lots F, G and H DP 1100, Part Section 96 Fitzroy District
Size:	4.68 hectares
Reserve Status:	Subject to the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification:	Recreation Reserve



Physical description

Peringa Park is a sports park located to the west of the Waiwhakaiho River, and is bounded to the north by the Peringa wetland. Access is located off Clemow Road and Fitzroy Road.

The park has three fields available for sports. The sports played at the fields are currently cricket and soccer.

The majority of 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.

Tangata whenua interests

Peringa Park is located within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi and have some significant wahitapu sites. The area is of historic and cultural significance to Ngati Te Whiti, Ngati Tuparikino and Nga Mahanga.

The name 'Peringa' is the Maori version of Bellringer who was a long standing Town Clerk of New Plymouth.

Land status and acquisition history

Lot 1 DP 5985 (originally Section 167 Hua District) was originally obtained by the New Plymouth Borough Council pursuant to the Municipal Corporations Act 1933 in 1941. It was declared as a public recreation reserve as an addition to Peringa Park following subdivision as new appellation Lot 1 DP 5985. It is subject to the Reserves Act 1977. Part Section 159, also part of 167 Hua District was purchased by the New Plymouth District Council in 1953.

Part Section 96 Fitzroy District and Part Lots F, G and H DP 1100 were acquired by the Borough of New Plymouth in 1939 for the purpose of a recreation ground. It is noted that Part Lot 4 DP 4005 is part of the land contained within Part Lots F and G.

History and cultural values

Peringa Park incorporating Lake Rotomanu had a Draft Management Plan written in 1995. The objectives of the Management Plan were to protect and enhance the parks natural, wilderness character and landscape and capitalise upon its unique proximity and access to river, lake and sea; and to provide for recreational participation for all users including families and disabled users. This management plan was revoked as part of the adoption of the Coastal Reserves Management Plan 2006 which includes Lake Rotomanu and surrounding reserve areas.

The playing fields were laid in 1960 and have been largely unchanged except for an extension to the hockey field to accommodate a regulation size soccer field.

Existing improvements

Amenities building (toilets/changing rooms), clubrooms, three sheds, a playground, rubbish bin, six floodlights, a street light, five signs, seat, fences, gates, barriers, paths, cricket practice wickets, and a carpark.

Uses and activities

Peringa Park has three fields available which are used for cricket and soccer.

The following club has a land only lease at Peringa Park:

- Peringa Park Combined Sports Club (lease expires 2012 with one further right of renewal for 21 years)

The following club has a licence to occupy at Peringa Park:

- Fitzroy Cricket Club practice wicket facility (annually until determined)

Management objectives and specific policies

- 1) The Peringa Park Management Plan 1995 shall be revoked and replaced with this plan.

- 2) The developed areas of this park will be managed as a sports park suitable for formal and informal sport and recreation.
- 3) Future development of Peringa Park will be in accordance with the development concept including:
 - i. Extension of sealed car park
 - ii. Improvements through levelling of the sport fields
 - iii. Development of formal goal storage areas
 - iv. Staged removal of the banksias
 - v. Rationalisation of storage sheds
 - vi. An extension to the decking on the clubrooms is contemplated
- 4) Lease/licence will be maintained with the Peringa Park Combined Sports Club for their clubrooms and the Fitzroy Cricket Club for the practice cricket facility. 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.
- 5) Rationalisation of storage sheds at this park is an objective. As the existing storage sheds come to the end of their life it is recommended their replacement is not approved. Options for future storage include beneath the clubrooms in conjunction with a deck extension or placement of one shed near the southern boundary as indicated on the development concept. An agreement will be established for the club owned storage facilities.
- 6) In August 2010 the Council resolved an intention to transfer Council owned buildings or part of buildings to the clubs that use or occupy them. The Council is currently working with the combined club who use the Council owned amenities building to achieve this.
- 7) As part of the building transfer process the Council intends to establish a new lease with the future owner of the building for the footprint of the amenities building.
- 8) The resident club has submitted a proposal for the development of an additional field to the west of the developed park. As a result of the Sports Field demand analysis, undertaken as part of the development of this plan, it is recommended the Council adopt a district wide approach to the provision of sport fields. The analysis shows a surplus of football fields in this part of the district and therefore an additional field is not contemplated at this park.