

11. Vogeltown Park

Description

Location: Carrington Street, New Plymouth
Legal description: Lots, 2, 3, 4, 5 DP 7039, Lot 8 DP 8053, Lot 6 DP 7112, Lot 6 DP 9060, Lots 4,5,6 DP 8241, Lot 14 DP 8178, Lot 1 DP 8858, Lot 11 DP 5321, Lot 4, 5, 6 DP 6591, Lot 10 DP 7035 Lot 1 DP 6520, Lot 2 DP 6587 Lots 2, 3, DP 4960, Lot 10 DP 4675, Lots 6, 7, DP 4675, Lots 2,4 DP 8442, Lot 2 DP 6605, Lot 7 DP 8250, Lot 16 8273
Size: 11.41 hectares
Reserve Status: Subject to the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification: Recreation Reserve



Physical description

Vogeltown Park is a sports park located between Carrington Street and Brooklands Road. The park has three fields available for sports. The sports played at the fields are currently rugby and cricket. A small children's playground is also present.

Vehicle access to the park is from Carrington Street. Pedestrian access exists from Plympton and Torbay Street and through the Truby King Dell off Brooklands Road, which is also known as Struan Walkway. The park provides linkages as part of the green belt zone walkway system linking Pukekura Park with the Huatoki Valley.

Informal pedestrian access also exists from the end of Rawhiti St. This access begins through a Council owned parcel of reserve and then through land forming part of the St Pius School before entering Vogeltown Park at the southern end of the park.

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 predominantly Residential A with a small section of Open Space A and C to the north and Industrial A to the south west.

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi. The area is of historic and cultural significance to Ngāti Te Whiti.

Land status and acquisition history

New Plymouth city purchased Lot 10 DP 7035, Pt Lot 10 DP 4675, Lots 2 and 3, DP 4960, Lot 1 DP 6520, Lot 1 DP 6520, Lots 4, 5 and 6, DP 6591, Lot 2 DP 6605, Lot 16 8273, Lots 2 and 4 DP 8442 in 1959 for recreation purposes.

Lots 2 and 3 DP 4960 and Part Lot 10 DP 4675 was classified as recreation reserves in May 1982. In August 1982 the park was declared to be a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

Pt Lots 6 and 7, DP 4675 was purchased by the city of New Plymouth in 1968 pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. These parcels were classified in 1982 as Recreation reserve.

The land forming the Truby King Dell was acquired by the Council through various subdivision and land acquisitions between 1952 and 1971 for the purpose of reserve. The land parcels were classified in 1982 as Recreation Reserve.

History and cultural values

The Vogeltown Park Management Plan was written in 1980. The Plan included information on the existing amenities, facilities, access and landscaping and how they could be maintained or enhanced.

The main valley drainage system is piped beneath the grounds and provision is made for any flood overflow to be carried by the perimeter drains which shall be maintained to enable this function to be accommodated.

The park was built on a swamp which causes challenges with drainage. There are also known to be trees buried underground.

A resource consent was granted to the resident club for additions to the clubrooms in the early 1990s. The proposal included renovating and extending the building to the north west. The addition meant that facilities included a gear storage shed, men and women's changing rooms with toilets and showers, referees changing rooms, separate men and women's and paraplegic toilets for users of the lounge facility, larger modernised kitchen facility, relocated bar and grease trap for kitchen waste.

Existing improvements

Existing improvements include:

Playground, carpark, road, walkway tracks, ten floodlights, two signs, barriers, fence, gates, two seats, step, walls, two paths, cricket nets, a storage shed and clubrooms.

There are waste water and storm water pipes running vertically through the park on the western side.

Uses and activities

Vogelton Park has three fields available which are used for rugby and cricket. The club rooms are owned by the resident club. The southern end of the park is a flood retention dam. The park is also suitable for casual recreation.

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

- New Plymouth Old Boys Sports Club for the clubroom facilities (lease renewable every 21 years)

Management objectives and specific policies

- 1) The Vogelton Management Plan 1980 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, with important pedestrian connections from Vogelton to Brooklands and Pukekura Park.
- 3) The southern part of Vogelton Park is a part of the Council's stormwater management plan and includes a retention bund and associated drainage system to capture water during rain events up to a 1:100 year flood.
- 4) Future development of Vogelton Park will be in accordance with the development concept including:
 - i. New goal storage area
 - ii. Car park extension and marking
 - iii. Provision for overflow car park on the eastern side of the park within improved vehicle access from Plympton St.
 - iv. Improved accessways

- v. Re-vegetation of terraces
 - vi. Removal of cricket nets and storage sheds
- 5) A lease will be maintained with the New Plymouth Old Boys 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.
 - 6) Discussion will be held with St Pius School to establish legal access through the school to Vogeltown Park from Rawhiti St, which is currently used informally.
 - 7) Investigate the possibility of creating a shared carpark with the neighbouring Greek Orthodox Church.
 - 8) Vogeltown Park is part of the wider Pukekura Park catchment with water from Truby King Dell feeding the Pukekura Park lake system. To reduce the amount of sediment and sediment-associated contaminants entering the lake system the following management steps and works will be under taken within Vogeltown Park and Truby King Dell –
 - a. Removal of existing sediment in the Truby King Dell Ponds
 - b. Construct a wetland within Truby King Dell, upstream of the ponds
 - c. Limit the amount of fertiliser used on the Vogeltown Park fields.