

### 6.3 Inglewood Cemetery

#### Description

Location:	Eastern end of Rata Street, Inglewood
Legal description:	Section 326, 327, 340 Moa District
Size:	2.52 hectares
Reserve status:	Subject to the Reserves Act
Reserve classification:	Local purpose (cemetery) reserves



#### Physical description

The cemetery is flat land adjoining Rata Street, it then dips into a sunken area which is planted in trees and rises up to a small hillock near the middle of the cemetery, sloping back down to flat ground at the northern perimeter.

The Kurapete Stream is on the eastern boundary of the cemetery land, Rata Street is to the south, and Carnival Park is situated to the west and north.

The cemetery is accessed from Rata Street and has entrance gates and wall fronting onto the Rata Street footpath.

#### Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi. It is of historic and cultural significance to Puketapu and Pukerangiora hapu.

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

The cemetery was established by Governor McLean who reserved Section 180 Moa District for cemetery purposes pursuant to The Taranaki Waste Lands Act 1874 and The Waste Lands Administration Act 1876, in a gazette notice on 29 March 1877<sup>1</sup>.

The Council (Inglewood Borough) was appointed trustees of the Inglewood Public Cemetery by Governor Plunket, pursuant to section 45 of 'The Cemeteries Act 1882' through a gazette notice in May 1906 (page 1390). The sites appellation at that time was Section 180 and Section 293 Moa District, both Block IV Egmont Survey District and measured some 5.96 hectares.

The legal history of the cemetery prior to the Council being appointed trustees in 1906 is not known.

In 1985 the cemetery was more than halved in size becoming Section 340 Moa District, with the remaining land held for recreation purpose. This was formalised in a gazette notice 27 June 1985 (page 2718), where R. Lancaster the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977, classified Section 340 (some 2.43 hectares shown on S.O. Plan 12326) as a local purpose cemetery reserve and vested the reserve in the Inglewood Borough Council. Section 340 was part of the former Sections 180 and 293. The remaining 3.63 hectares more or less being Section 339 was classified as local purpose reserve (recreation), being used as a sports field and a grazing area for horses.

The underlying title to Section 340 is with the Crown.

Section 326 and 327 were part of the unformed Wortley Road. This section of the road was closed pursuant to section 170(4)(b) of the Municipal Corporation Act 1954 for the purposes of issuing a title in September of 1973 by the Department of Lands and Survey.

### **History and cultural values**

The first recorded burial at Inglewood Cemetery was in November 1881. Between this time and Council's appointment in May 1906, it is likely that Crown appointed trustees controlled and managed the cemetery.

### Services area mooted for Inglewood Cemetery

The Department of Internal Affairs wrote to the Inglewood Borough Council on 8 September 1947, outlining a plan to install a Service's Area in the cemetery. The Department had written at the same time to the District Architect of the Public Works Department, advising that Ministerial approval had been obtained for installing the Service's Area. The advancement and installation of a Service's Area at the cemetery did not occur, for reasons that are not clear.

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<sup>1</sup> This land was permanently set aside as a reserve under the Reserves and Domains Act 1908 and, through subsequent Acts of Parliament, is deemed to be a reserve for the purposes of the Reserves Act 1977.

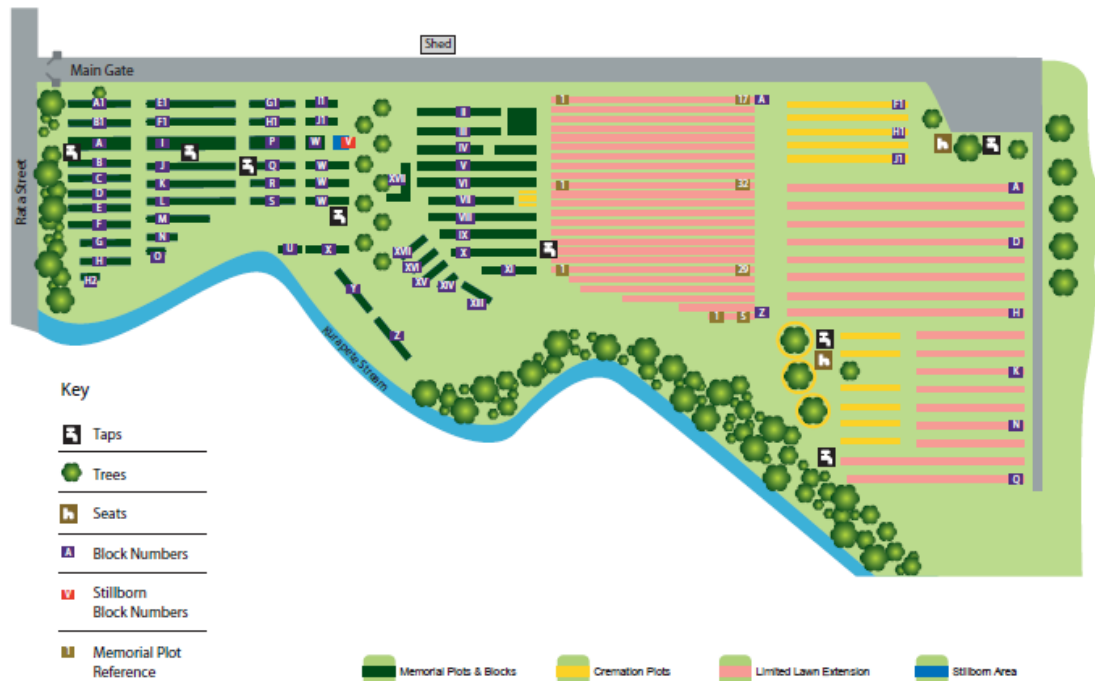
### Reduction in cemetery area

The Inglewood Pony Club were advised by the Council in 1983 that development of a sports field on the then Cemetery Reserve involved an area the club leased for grazing and that the area would no longer be available for grazing.

The Inglewood Cemetery and gates are listed in the District Plan as a Category B heritage site.

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### **Existing improvements**

Fixtures at the cemetery include eight outdoor taps, three rubbish bins, three seats and four signs. A car park exists at the rear of the cemetery with an access road as well as an operations shed on the western side of the access road. There is a 1.5m high concrete wall with river stone embedded on the face along the cemetery's frontage with Rata Street.

A tree planting programme for the cemetery was organised in 1992 and an improvement to the car park area was organised in 1993.

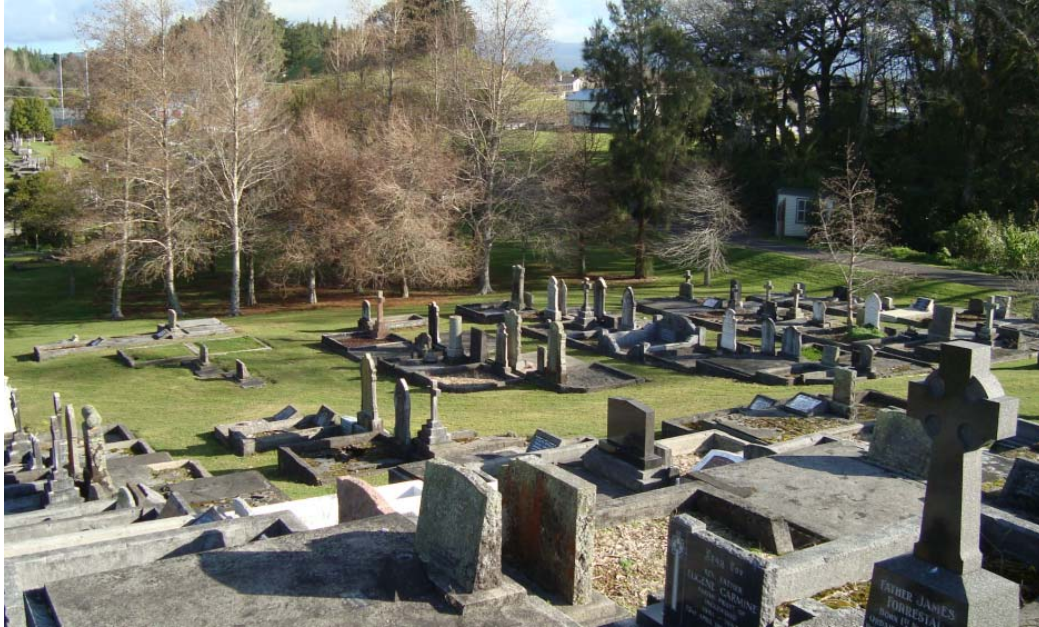
### **Management and administration**

The Council were appointed by the Crown as Trustees to control and manage the cemetery at the early date of 1906. In 1985, the then Council changed the purpose of part of the cemetery to sports fields and thereby reduced the cemetery area.

The Inglewood Cemetery is nearing capacity and the new burial area is the District Cemetery located on Plantation Road, adjacent to Lake Mangamahoe.

The Ministry for Culture and Heritage maintains four war graves at this cemetery, relating to the South African War (one grave), World War 1 (two graves) and World War II (one grave).

**Looking south from the small hillock to the sunken area and beyond**



**Management objectives and specific policies**

- This cemetery is managed as an open cemetery, when the ability to offer new plots is unavailable, applications will be directed to the new district cemetery.
- Low lying area to remain undeveloped for burials and the existing planting retained and managed.
- Vehicle access to the cemetery is available in set daylight hours.

**Hatched area indicates the area of pre 1900 development at the cemetery, constituting an archaeological area under the Historic Places Act 1993.**



**Hatched area indicates the part of the cemetery to be developed for burials**



**View of area to be developed in the north east end of the cemetery reserve.**

