

## 6.9 Hurdon St play area and surrounding reserve

### Description

Location:	Cowling Road
Legal description:	Pt Lot 34 DP 7038, Lots 1 and 2 DP 9066, and Pt Lot 20 DP9066
Size:	1.99 ha
Reserve status:	Reserve



### Physical description

The area containing the playground is flat in nature and accessed off Hurdon Street. It is a discreet area that it is contained by neighbouring residential properties and bush. The remainder of the reserve slopes from Cowling Road down to Davis Road, steeply in places. A small section of flat land exists fronting Davis Road, the remainder of the area at the bottom of the valley is swampy in nature.

### Tangata whenua interests

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

### Land status and history

Pt Lot 34 DP 7038 (the lot which encompasses play area) was vested upon subdivision in 1952 in His Majesty the King in for the purpose of recreation reserve. In 1962 the reserve was vested in the New Plymouth City Council in trust for recreation purposes. The underlying title remains with the crown.

Lots 1 and 2 DP 9066 were purchased by the New Plymouth City Council as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953.

Lot 20 DP 9066 – was vested upon subdivision in 1962 in the New Plymouth City Council for the purpose of Public Plantation. In 1979 the classification of the reserve was changed from local purpose (plantation) reserve to recreation reserve.

### **Existing improvements**

A small playground exists.

### **Uses and activities**

The Hurdon St playground area of this reserve is suitable for children's play, picnicking and other passive recreation. The remainder of the area is currently grazed.

### **Classification**

Recreation

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

- A portion of this reserve will be maintained and developed as open space for casual recreation.
- Proposed relocation of the playground and installation of a pathway from Cowling Road to Davis Road will improve accessibility to the playground by a wider catchment.
- The area which is currently grazed is considered appropriate for future native revegetation to enhance the amenity and ecological values of the area.
- In the short to medium term the management of this reserve will continue to involve grazing of the undeveloped portion of the reserve until such time as funding is available to implement stage 2 of the development concept (revegetating sloping areas).
- Following the relocation of the playground and establishment of an appropriate pathway from Cowling Road to Davis Road, the small section of reserve, containing the original play equipment may be considered for possible disposal against acquisition/disposal criteria developed as part of the Open Space Strategy (currently under development).

### Visual Resource Key

#### Landscape/Spatial Features

-  Land Parcel
-  Mown Open Space
-  Entry Points

#### Vegetation

-  Existing Trees/Vegetation
-  Proposed Trees/Vegetation

#### Structures

-  Pedestrian Entry Sign
-  Proposed Seat
-  Proposed Play Equipment
-  Existing Building
-  Proposed Pathway
-  Proposed Bollards
-  Proposed 7-Wire fence



Bollards

Entry Sign

New Path to Cowling/Hurdon St (routes to be determined)

New Seat

Entry Sign

Possible New Playground Location

Level open grass

7-Wire fence

Long term Native/Wetland Planting

### Landscape Context Key

#### Landscape Features

-  Stream
-  Additional Access from Davies Rd

#### Spatial Features

-  Reserve Land
-  Surrounding Open Space/Reserves/Sports Fields



## Hurdon Street Play Area Development Concept

### Hurdon Street, New Plymouth



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