

6.12 Tikorangi Cemetery

Description

Location:	Inland North Road, approximately 350m east of Otaraoa Road and 1.5 kms east of Tikorangi Village
Legal description:	Part Section 25, Tikorangi District
Size:	0.81 hectares
Reserve status:	Subject to Reserves Act
Reserve classification:	Local purpose (cemetery) reserve



Physical description

The cemetery is situated on flat land except for a steep downward slope at the rear of the cemetery that is covered in mature trees. The cemetery is surrounded by farm land.

The cemetery's frontage consists of a 1.5 metre high concrete wall, with river stone inlay. A granite World War I and II Memorial is central in the cemetery. The western boundary is a camellia hedge. Most of the eastern boundary consists of a shelter belt.

A portion in the of the cemetery in the southeast is fenced off and devoid of burials and is grazed.

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa Iwi. It is of historic and cultural significance to Otaraua and Ngati Rahiri hapu.

Land status and acquisition history

In 1882, James Prendergast, Administrator of the Government of the Colony of New Zealand under 'The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1882', changed the purpose of the two acre parcel of land being part Section 25, from primary education to public cemetery. This is recorded by way of gazette notice in October 1882 (page 1497).

In a gazette notice dated January 1935 (page 39-40), Governor-General Forbes pursuant to Section four of the 'Cemeteries Act 1908', delegated to the Clifton County Council the authority to appoint and remove the cemetery Trustees.

R Lancaster the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, in 1983, pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 classified the reserve as local purpose (cemetery) reserve and vested the reserve in trust with the Clifton County Council. Recorded by way of gazette notice in October 1983 (page 3331).

The land has underlying Crown ownership.



History and cultural values

Tikorangi Cemetery is a Category B heritage site in the District Plan.

Existing improvements

A long 1.5m high concrete wall fronts on to Inland North Road. The gates are embossed with the name of the cemetery. A concrete pathway leads to the World War Memorial.



Management and administration

The cemetery is administered and managed by the Tikorangi Cemetery Trustees. The New Plymouth District Council have an annual grant that is available to the cemetery trustees, dependent on a request from the trustees and presentation of the previous year's accounts.

Management objectives and specific policies

- This cemetery is managed as an open cemetery.
- It is endeavoured to retain trees in the cemetery, particularly those on the northern boundary.
- The undeveloped part of the cemetery will be managed through grazing.
- The Council has the delegated powers to appoint and remove trustees since 1935 and these powers have been delegated by the Council to the Chief Executive Officer through Council resolution on the 3 November 2009.

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

