

23. *Clifton Park*

Description

Location: Princess Street, Waitara
Legal description: Sections 1-4, Part Section 5 Block LII, Part Section 5-6,6-7,7-8,9-9 and 9 Block LII Town of Waitara East
Part Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 Block LIV
Part Block LX Town of Waitara East
Parts Section 1, Section 2, Part 3, Section 4, Parts 5, Sections 6-12 Block LIII Town of Waitara East
Sections 1-12 Block LV Town of Waitara East
Lot 21 DP 9572
Block LVI Town of Waitara East
Section 1 SO 12788
Size: 7.17 hectares more or less
Reserve Status: All parcels are subject to the Reserves Act 1977 except for Sections 1-7 Block LII Town of Waitara East which is an Endowment for the Town of Waitara for town improvements.
Reserve Classification: Recreation reserve

Clifton Drive



Princess Street

Physical description

Clifton Park is a sports park located in Waitara. Vehicle access to Clifton Park is located off Clifton Drive and Princess Street. Pedestrian access is available all around the park with direct road frontage.

The park has two fields available for sports. The only sport currently played at the park is rugby league. Two softball clubs also use the park for training. Four netball/tennis courts are also located at 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 Residential A and Waitara High School is located to the west.

Tangata whenua interests

This reserve is within the tribal rohe of Te Atiawa. It is of historic and cultural significance to Manukorihi hapū and Otaraua hapū.

Land status and acquisition history

Sections 1-4, Part Section 5 Block LII, Part Section 5-6,6-7,7-8,9-9 and 9 Block LII and Part Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 Block LIV Town of Waitara East being part of Clifton Park are held in trust as a Endowment for the Town of Waitara for town improvements. The Council has resolved to retain this land which does not form part of any transfer to the Crown for treaty settlement purposes. The land comprises and is managed as part of Clifton Park but is land held subject to a statutory endowment trust and therefore is not held subject to the Reserves Act 1977 and will not be subject to classification.

Part Block LX Town of Waitara East and Parts Section 1, Section 2, Part 3, Section 4, Parts 5, Sections 6-12 Block LIII, Sections 1-12 Block LV, Town of Waitara East were formally classified by gazette notice as a public recreation reserve in 1962. A further Gazette notice in 1982 classified the reserve as a reserve for recreation purposes and to be known as Clifton Park.

Lot 21 DP 9572 was previously part of a larger block of private land which was vested in trust in the Waitara Borough Council on subdivision in 1966 as a recreation reserve pursuant to the Municipal Corporations Act 1954. It has been classified as recreation reserve as part of this draft management plan process.

Block LVI Town of Waitara East was classified as Recreation Reserve in 1982. Its underlying ownership is with the Crown.

Section 1 SO 12788 was classified as a Recreation Reserve in 1988 and is a formerly stopped road.

History and cultural values

The park has been used predominately for sports over the years including rugby league, softball, netball and tennis.

In the early 2000s Council received numerous complaints from nearby residents regarding stray golf balls striking people and damaging private property. Council subsequently banned the practicing or playing of golf within the rugby league field section of Clifton Park.

Existing improvements

The existing improvements within the reserve include:

Three rubbish bins, barriers, fences, gates, a monument, path, 14 floodlights, a sign, toilet building, and a carpark.

The monument is located to the west of the park and is cream with the reserve name in green raised letters.

There is a storm water pipe running along the eastern border at the southern end of the park. There is also a water supply pipe in the northern end of the park.

Uses and activities

The park has two fields available for sports. The sports played are currently rugby league and two softball clubs use the park for training. Waitara High school also have an agreement to use the grounds for training. Four netball/tennis courts are also located at the park which are used for netball training and games.

The Park is also used for sports by Waitara High School, primary schools and as an informal recreation space by the public'.

The following clubs have land only leases at Clifton Park:

- Waitara Gym Sports who own the former bowling club amenities building and bowling greens (lease expires 2013)
- Netball Taranaki who own their amenities building (lease expires 2023 with 21 year right of renewal)
- Waitara Rugby League Club own their amenity building (lease expired 2010 with a further 21 year right of renewal)

Management objectives and specific policies

- 1) Clifton Park will be managed as a sports park suitable for a wide range of formal and informal sport and recreation and other community facilities.
- 2) Discussions are currently occurring between existing sports clubs and the wider community about establishing Clifton Park as a multi-sport/community park with shared facilities and coordination of programmes.
- 3) Netball Taranaki have indicated that they wish to transfer ownership of their building at Clifton Park as this is no longer required for the level of netball played at this facility.
- 4) The Council will consider an application for the transfer of ownership of the building and issue of a new lease in accordance with the Council's general reserve policies and how this fits with the overall future plans for the development of the park.

- 5) Notwithstanding policy 4, it is recommended no new leases be issued at Clifton Park for any buildings or facilities until such time a vision for the future of the park has been developed.
- 6) The Council has issued a 3 year lease with a 30 year right of renewal to Waitara Gym Sports for the former Bowling club site for the purpose of establishing a new gym sports facility. The 30 year right of renewal is subject to a number of conditions including that a facility management plan with operation budget is prepared showing that the facility is feasible.
- 7) The Council will work with the community to develop the multi-sport/community facility proposal.