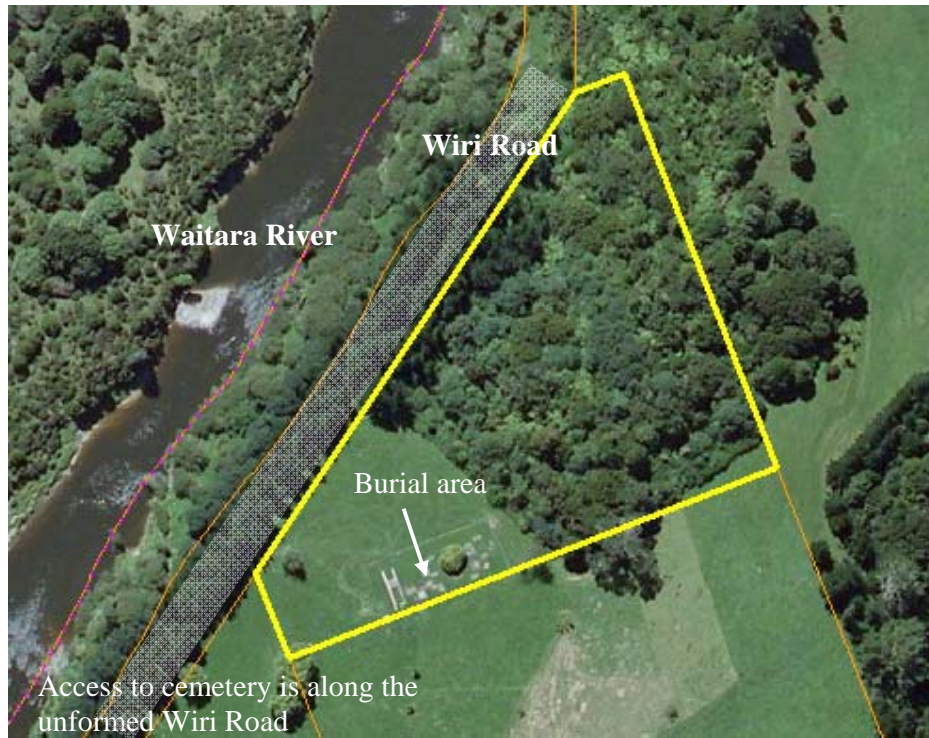


## 6.9 Tarata Cemetery

### Description

Location:	Wiri Road, Tarata
Legal description:	Section 21 Block III Huiroa Survey District
Size:	2.09 hectares
Reserve status:	Subject to Reserves Act 1977
Reserve classification:	Local purpose (cemetery) reserve



### Physical description

The cemetery's boundary includes an unformed legal road (Wiri Road), that lies parallel to the Waitara River on the north and western boundaries. Other boundaries are with neighbouring farmland. Access to the cemetery is along a driveway over the unformed Wiri Road which joins Tarata Road, just east of Tarata Village.

### Tangata whenua interests

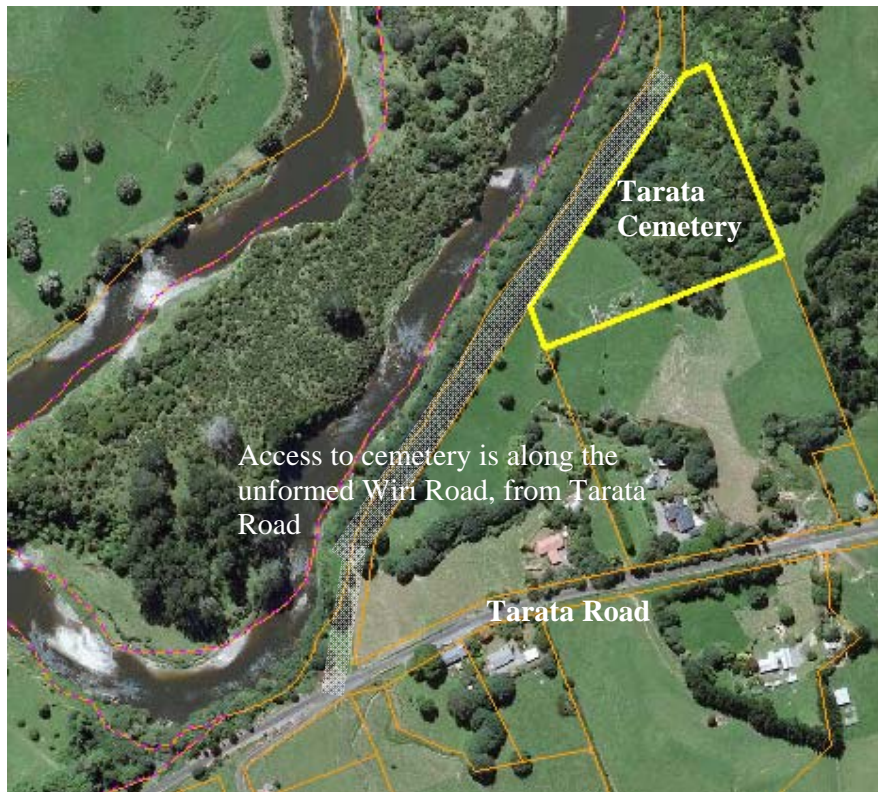
This reserve is within the tribal rohe and of historic and cultural significance to Ngati Maru Iwi.

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

In August 1888 a gazette notice (page 904-905) recorded that Governor Jervois, pursuant to Section 227 of 'The Land Act 1885' reserved Section 21, Block III Huiroa District for the purpose of a cemetery; an area of five acres and 25 perches<sup>1</sup>.

In December 1930, Governor-General Bledisloe by way of a gazette notice (page 3869), pursuant to Section 55 of the 'Cemeteries Act 1908' appointed the Inglewood County Council as Trustees of the Tarata Cemetery, being Section 21, Block III Huiroa District.

Certificate of title TN137/118 notes Section 21 as a cemetery, vested in the New Plymouth District Council. The underlying title to the land remains with the Crown.



### **History and cultural values**

The first recorded burial at Tarata Cemetery is in November 1894. The cemetery was controlled and managed by Crown appointed trustees until 1930, when the Inglewood County Council was appointed trustees of the cemetery.

The cemetery has a Holly that is a notable tree (463) protected under the District Plan. The holly is a commemorative planting to an unknown bushman who died in the early 1900s after a tree being felled split and killed him. To notify the police would have

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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.

meant a day trip to Inglewood so the body was buried in Tarata Cemetery. Godfrey Smith planted the holly which he found growing on the banks of the Waitara River on the unknown person's grave<sup>2</sup>.

Tarata Cemetery is listed in the District Plan as a heritage site, Category B.

On the opposite bank of the Waitara River are located Kerikeringa Pa, listed as waahi tapu 575 in the District Plan.

### **Existing improvements**

A recent seat and rubbish bin have been installed at the cemetery.



### **Management and administration**

Tarata Cemetery is managed as three distinct areas:

1. A burial area
2. A grazing area
3. A bush area

The burial area is mown, the grassed area outside of the burial area is grazed and the large bush area is self-maintaining.

### **Management objectives and special policy**

- This cemetery is managed as an open cemetery and nature bush reserve.
- The developed burial area will continued to be used for interments until it reaches capacity. At capacity, a portion of the grazed area beyond the burial area will be developed for further burials. The bush area which comprises nearly three quarters of the reserve will be retained as a bush.

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<sup>2</sup> [Pragnell, D. et al]; *Tarata School and District Centennial*, 1989



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

