

7. *Lynmouth Park*

Description

Location:	Devon Street West, New Plymouth West
Legal description:	Lots 87, 88, 89, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131 DP 2151 Lots 1-2 DP 5848 Lot 1 DP 5853 Lots 1 and 4 DP 5845 Lot 1 DP 5787 Lot 2 DP 5808 Lots 1, 3 and 5 DP 5855 Section 203 Fitzroy District
Size:	4.16 hectares
Reserve Status:	Subject to the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification:	Recreation reserve



Physical description

Lynmouth Park is a sports park located in the suburb of Lynmouth, close to Devon Intermediate School. Access is located off Devon Street West with additional access from Lorna Street and Lyn Street. Lynmouth Park has two fields available which are used for cricket and soccer.

The majority of 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. To the south of the park is Open Space B Environment Area. These areas are predominantly focused towards informal recreational pursuits, usually of a more passive nature, such as walking, playing or fishing. They are more open, with less built features than the Open Space A Environment Area. The park is surrounded by Residential A Environment Area.

Tangata whenua interests

The 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 acquisition history

Section 203 Fitzroy District, Lots 87, 88, 89, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131 DP 2151, Lot 1 DP 5787, Lots 1 and 4 DP 5845, Lots 1 and 2 DP 5848, Lot 1 DP 5853, Lot 1 DP 5853, Lots 1, 3, 5 DP 5855 were transferred to Borough of New Plymouth in 1945. It was classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 in 1980.

History and cultural values

Lynmouth Park was previously a refuse dumping site. The eastern cricket field was the main dump area. A playground is located on the top of a bank at the southern end. New topsoil has been brought in to assist with the grass growth as there was previously difficulty growing grass near the base of this bank.

Drainage from the site is via two stormwater drains at the northern end approximately 100m away from the landfill site.¹

Lynmouth Park has been used for a variety of recreational uses including rugby, cricket, soccer and school cross-country.

Existing improvements

The existing improvements within the reserve include:

Council owned hall/pavilion, public toilets, shed, playground, sign, seat, fence, gate, barriers, wall, paths, carpark and road.

There is a storm water pipe running along the western boundary and another running horizontally through the northern end of the park.

Uses and activities

Lynmouth Park has two fields available which are used for cricket and soccer. The park is suitable for many other organised and casual recreation activities.

The Council currently own the pavilion at the park. This is used by the resident cricket and soccer clubs during their codes season. The pavilion is also used year round by the New Plymouth Caledonian Pipe Band for their practices. The cricket club own a storage shed next to the pavilion.

Management objectives and specific policies

¹ 'Investigation of Past Refuse Dumping Sites in Taranaki', Technical report 94-67. Taranaki Regional Council. March 1995.

- 1) The developed areas of this park will be managed as a sports park suitable for formal and informal sport and recreation.
- 2) Future development of Lynmouth Park will be in accordance with the development concept including:
 - i. Creating a sealed car park
 - ii. Improvements through levelling of the sport fields
 - iii. An extension to the Lynmouth Hall is contemplated if the future owners wish to apply to the Council for approval as part of upgrading the building.
- 3) In August 2010 the Council resolved an intention to transfer Council owned buildings or part of buildings to the clubs that use or occupy them. The Council is currently working with clubs who use Lynmouth Hall to achieve this.
- 4) As part of the building transfer process the Council intends to establish a new lease with the future owner of the building for the footprint of the hall. A land only lease will also be established with the cricket club for their storage shed.
- 5) Any earthworks at the park must be carefully managed in accordance with guidelines for management of contaminated sites.