

6.2 *Huirangi Cemetery*

Description

Location:	Eastern end of Bayley Street, Huirangi
Legal description:	Sections 87, 88, 89, 90 and 188 Town of Huirangi
Size:	0.8699 hectares
Reserve status:	Subject to Reserves Act 1977
Reserve classification:	Request with the Department of Conservation to classify as Local purpose (cemetery) reserve



Physical description

The cemetery land consists of five land parcels with the developed cemetery area consisting of Sections 89 and 90. There is a white painted wall fronting these two sections, with a golden trimmed totara hedge along the southwest boundary of Section 89 and a 2.0m high wooden fence along the rear boundary of Sections 89 and 90. The other three sections are grazed as part of the neighbouring farm.

The terrain is flat to slightly undulating with the cemetery located on a high point, not far from the Waitara River, with excellent views of the river, Mount Taranaki and surrounding farmland. The Huirangi School is nearby on Bayley Road.

There are a considerable number of burials in the developed cemetery with space remaining for further burials.

Tangata whenua interests

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

Land status and acquisition history

In a gazette notice dated December 1878 (pages 1755-1756), Governor Normanby pursuant to section 144 and 145 of 'The Land Act 1877', permanently reserved Sections 87-90 and 188 Huirangi, for the purpose of a cemetery¹.

In 1933, Governor-General Bledisloe pursuant to Section 4 the 'Cemeteries Act 1908', delegated the Taranaki County Council the powers to appoint and remove Trustees. This is recorded in a gazette notice dated September 1933 (page 2429).

The underlying title to the land is with the Crown.



Existing improvements

There is a 1.5 m high painted concrete wall along the frontage of the cemetery. The wall has a galvanised iron railing along its top and a stucco finish. A granite plaque inserted into the wall notes the wall is a donation from the Turnbull Family in 1957. There is a wooden vertical slat fence on the rear boundary.

Management and administration

This cemetery is administered and managed by the Huirangi Cemetery Trustees. The cemetery is a Category B heritage site in the District Plan.



¹ 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.

Following the North Taranaki District Council's² practice, the New Plymouth District Council makes an annual grant 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.
- The undeveloped part of the cemetery will be managed through grazing.
- A request to be made to the Department of Conservation that the reserve be classified under the Reserves Act 1977.
- A request to be made to the Department of Conservation that the reserve be vested with the New Plymouth District Council, with control and management of the cemetery remaining with the Huirangi Cemetery Trustees.
- The Council has the delegated powers to appoint and remove trustees since 1933 and these powers have been delegated by the Council to the Chief Executive Officer through Council resolution on the 3 November 2009.

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



² Amalgamated into the New Plymouth District Council in 1989