

West Ward Reserves

- Individual Reserve Policies



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WEST WARD RESERVES

Great Northern Green

Location

82 Princes Street, Waikari

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

6.2811

Legal Description

Lot 2 DP 409437 Village Green

Introduction

The Great Northern Green is situated on Princes Street, Waikari. The land was purchased by the Hurunui District Council in 2000 with the view to develop the land into a village green area for the town and as a site to build a medical centre, which has since been excluded from the reserve land.

The reserve originally formed part of the old rail corridor, opening in 1882 to provide rail travel for passengers, and transportation for wheat that was farmed intensively in the Waikari area. Private sidings originally included the Waikari Flourmill, the Lime Company and stockyards. A walkway dissects the site along the old railway line and links with other walkways on the opposite side of Princes Street leading to the village and the Māori rock art.

The Great Northern Green is currently under development as an open space which includes a wetland area.

A community garden has been established and a skate ramp is also situated on the reserve.

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Specific policies

- That additional amenity and wetland planting be established as funds allow
- That the green be maintained to a high standard
- That noxious weed species including Gorse and Nasella Tussock be controlled and eradicated on an on-going basis
- That community events are encouraged with an approved events permit.

Future development potential

The Great Northern Green shall continue to be developed into an attractive passive outdoor recreation space.



Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall

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Location	8 Horsely Down Road, Hawarden
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	1.0871
Legal Description	Lots 1 3 DP 16714, Block VII, Waipara Survey District
Introduction	<p>The Hawarden Community Hall is situated adjacent to the Hawarden Reserve and can be accessed from Horsley Down Road.</p> <p>The Hawarden Hall has a stage, kitchen facilities, supper room and is used for the A&P show and smaller local events. It is also home to the Small-Bore Rifle Club, which has an international standard facility. Community groups regularly use the hall during the week.</p> <p>The site has an area available for freedom camping subject to compliance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.</p>
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That part of the reserve continues to be leased for grazing purposes • That additional amenity and wetland planting be established as funds allow • That the green be maintained to a high standard • That noxious weed species including Gorse and Nasella Tussock be controlled and eradicated on an ongoing basis • That freedom camping be permitted in accordance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.
Future development potential	The Hawarden Community War Memorial Hall is a social centre for the Hawarden community. In time, the facility may require upgrading.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Hawarden Reserve

Location

11 Allendale Road, Hawarden

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

7.2310

Legal Description

Part Lots 1-2 DP 13818 Block VII Waipara Survey District

Introduction

The Hawarden reserve is located at the corner of Allendale Road and Horsley Down Road and was set aside for recreational purposes in 1950. Since its establishment, the reserve has been used as a venue for many social and recreational purposes. Most notable is its function as the site of the annual A&P show.

The reserve is home to four sporting clubs including bowling, tennis, rugby and squash. The rugby and tennis clubs share the same building which forms their pavilion and clubrooms at either end, which is separated by a kitchen.

The Hawarden Reserve provides a multitude of sporting and recreational facilities including:

- A&P Shed
- Adventure playground
- Squash courts
- Four tennis courts
- Bowling green
- Camping sites, including some powered sites
- Scout den
- Flying fox
- Rugby fields
- Netball courts
- Public toilets
- Irrigation system
- Rugby clubrooms and pavilion
- Cricket field
- Two back boards
- War Memorial gates

The main users of the reserve are local residents, either as participants in organised sports or for casual recreation. Because of its proximity to residential areas, the reserve is also used for casual recreation like walking and dog exercising.

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Specific policies

- That all clubs which occupy the reserve be subject to a lease agreement
- That additional amenity trees be planted
- That the playground be maintained
- That the painted posts be re-painted as required
- That the toilets located close to the scout den are either closed or allocated a budget for cleaning and maintenance.

Future development potential

The Hawarden Reserve serves as a social centre for the Hawarden community. It is a well-developed and maintained reserve which facilitates a wide range of recreation and sporting activities. Further development would be dependent on community demand and available funds.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Hawarden RSA Hall Reserve

Location

7 O'Carrolls Road , Hawarden

Classification

Local Purpose - Hall

Total Area (hectares)

0.0849

Legal Description

Lot 8 DP 7103

Introduction

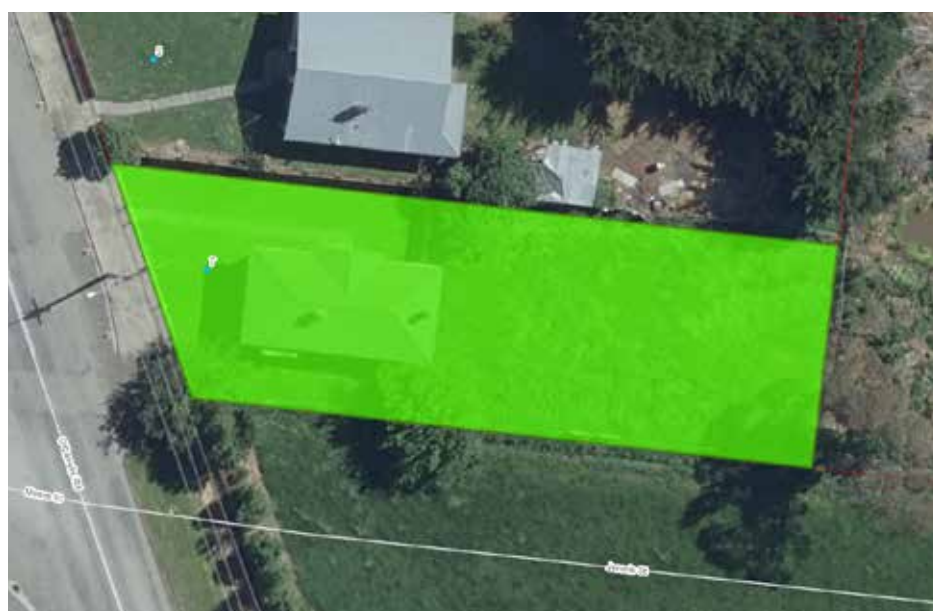
The Hawarden RSA Hall is a local purpose reserve that was vested in the Council in 1975. The hall is a small weatherboard structure that has been used for a variety of uses over the years. It is currently the venue for the community toy library who are responsible for maintaining the lawns. The exterior of the hall has recently been repainted. The rear section, directly behind the hall is grazed on an informal basis.

Specific policies

- That monitoring is carried out to ensure that the grounds are kept tidy
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

The Hawarden RSA Hall be considered for revocation and disposal.



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Hawarden War Memorial

Location

1 O'Carrolls Road , Hawarden

Classification

Local Purpose - War Memorial

Total Area (hectares)

0.062

Legal Description

Lot 3 DP 73698

Introduction

The Hawarden War Memorial honours the 21 fallen in the area, from both WWI and WWII and peacekeepers, which was unveiled on 25 June 1925.

Specific policies

- That the Hawarden War Memorial be maintained
- That the Hawarden War Memorial steps be painted on a regular basis.

Future development potential

The Hawarden War Memorial is to be retained.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Hurunui Recreation Reserve (Hurunui Historic Racecourse)

Location 126 Medbury Road, Medbury

Classification Recreation

Total Area (hectares) 34.3882

Legal Description Reserve 2598

Introduction

The reserve was historically used as a racecourse from 1884, serving the population of the Medbury, Hurunui and Peaks Districts. The last race meeting of that period was held in 1938. Recently however, there has been renewed interest in the reserve for horse related recreational activities including the biennial Hurunui race meeting. It was designated as the Hurunui Racecourse in December 1894 until 1940. People and horses were transported by train to the racecourse from the 1880s when the nearby Medbury Train Station opened.

The Hawarden Waikari Pony Club leases a portion of the reserve and have their own storage shed and water tank. The balance of the land is leased for grazing and cropping purposes and provides a source of funding for reserve maintenance and enhancements.

Recent improvements to the racecourse include amenity planting, that once mature, will help to provide shade on race days. The Medbury Hurunui Residents Association funded the construction of a shed on the reserve to house their memorabilia. Replica historic race gates have also been installed at the entrance to the racecourse.

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Specific policies

- That reserve signage be erected on Medbury Road
- That the reserve trees be maintained or felled as appropriate
- That the historic jockey's changing room and judges' box be retained
- That the racetrack be preserved and maintained as required
- That amenity and native trees be planted and maintained within the reserve
- That the reserve continue to be leased as required
- That a new pen is built for horses to parade before or after a race
- That fencing be maintained along the northern boundary of the racecourse
- That all clubs which occupy the reserve be subject to a lease agreement.

Future development potential

The Hurunui Recreation Reserve is historically significant and is well utilised by the Hawarden Waikari Pony Club. With additional maintenance, the reserve may well be a desirable venue for additional special events.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Lions Reserve

Location	4 O'Carrolls Road, Hawarden
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	0.0827
Legal Description	Lot 12 DP 21158
Introduction	The Lions Reserve was developed by the Waipara County Lions as a year 2000 environment project. The Lions developed this section of freehold land as a native reserve for passive recreation. The reserve features a small footbridge over an open drain, native plantings, seating and shade trees.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the reserve be well maintained • That additional amenity plantings be established over time including the extension of planting along the northern boundary • That the sign be updated to refer to the Hawarden-Waikari Lions as the club is now known • That the stormwater drain running along O'Carrolls Road be cleaned out and maintained.
Future development potential	The Lions Reserve is a tribute to the work of the Lion's Club and should be maintained to a high standard to reflect this.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Stocks Reserve

Location

2 Weka Pass Road, Waikari

Classification

Local Purpose - Community Use

Total Area (hectares)

0.884

Legal Description

Lot 2 DP 14510 & Part Lot 3 DP 14510

Introduction

The reserve has been developed alongside the new public conveniences and is ideal as a rest stop or freedom camping spot for travellers.

The reserve is named after a former Waikari resident, the late Jack Stocks, who built a small cottage on the site which he later gifted to the Council. Jack worked as a builder with his brother-in-law, before becoming the Council's dog doser for many years. The cottage has since been removed.

A huge amount of local volunteer input has gone into the development of the reserve which includes artwork installations created by local artists, such as the Corriedale Sheep statue in dedication to local farmers and a moa sculpture. A water feature depicting Weka Pass through to the Lakes further enhances the reserve. Other development plans include the future installation of picnic tables (including one with a shelter over it) which will be funded and installed by the Hawarden Waikari Lions, and continued amenity planting and landscaping.

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Specific policies

- That the reserve be maintained as appropriate
- That the reserve be kept as an open, accessible green space
- That the reserve be developed in accordance with approved community development plans
- That freedom camping be permitted in accordance with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Future development potential

Stocks Reserve is ideal for development as a rest stop and picnic area for travellers.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Waikari Bowling Club Reserve

Location

3 Cambridge Street, Waikari

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

6.2878

Legal Description

Lot 1 DP 9182

Introduction

Access to the bowling club and parking is gained from Cambridge Street. Adjacent to the club grounds is an area of grazing land which is accessible via a grass track that is the unformed continuation of Cambridge Street.

The bowling club features clubrooms, a bowling shelter and the bowling green. The bowling green is well sheltered by an established macrocarpa hedge.

Specific policies

- That the Waikari Bowling Club be subject to a formal lease agreement as exclusive occupiers and managers of the premises they use
- That the Waikari Bowling Club continue to maintain the entranceway, grounds and premises
- That the grazing paddocks continue to be managed by the Waikari Hall and Reserve Committee.

Future development potential

The Waikari Bowling Club Reserve is a well-established facility, and to date there is no apparent need to further develop any of the remaining grazed reserve land.

There is potential for the area of land that is currently leased to be sold, with the proceeds used to offset the cost to the ratepayers for a purpose-built community facility in Waikari.



WEST WARD RESERVES

Waikari Recreation Reserve

Location 22 Princes Street, Waikari

Classification Recreation

Total Area (hectares) 3.5511

Legal Description Part Reserve 5290

Introduction

A portion of the reserve was originally school land, which was given for a domain with the understanding that the school retained the right to use it at any time. Developed in the 1950's, the reserve had facilities to support a wide range of uses including cricket, netball, tennis and other more passive recreation.

Over time sporting use of the reserve declined, with both the rugby and cricket clubs moving to join with Hawarden clubs. The area is now used as a camping ground. Campground facilities have been upgraded which include kitchens, showers and a laundry. The campground is now operated under KiwiCamp.

The old Scout Den building, adjacent to the toddlers playground, is currently being used by the Hawarden-Waikari Play Group.

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Specific policies

- That amenity plantings be established
- That the campground continue to be developed and promoted
- That signage be installed at the dump disposal point for caravans
- That camping information be presented clearly on a sign
- That existing structures be re-painted as required
- That vegetation be cut back from the play equipment
- That the playground be maintained
- That amenity trees be planted alongside the pines on the Mona Vale Street side
- That lease agreements be drafted for occupiers of the clubrooms
- That a stock-proof boundary fence is erected along the northern boundary of the reserve and that amenity planting be placed alongside
- That new rugby posts are erected.

Future development potential

The Waikari reserve is divided in two by a tall pine hedgerow that effectively segregates the camping area and the sports oval from the tennis and children's play area. Consideration could be given to upgrading the old Scout Den to make it fit-for-purpose for the Hawarden-Waikari Play Group. The campground should continue to be promoted to encourage visitors to stay in the township.

WEST WARD RESERVES

Waitohi Reserve

Location	Masons Flat, Waitohi
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	5.6512
Legal Description	Rural Sections 4110 & 41197

Introduction

The Waitohi Reserve is an area endowed with significant scenic and historic value. It has been a popular picnicking and camping spot since the 1930s, but 70 years earlier the area was better known as the trailhead site for the Harper Pass crossing of the Main Divide. This crossing was the only known pack route to the West Coast until the opening of Arthurs Pass in 1866.

The Waitohi Reserve is located on the access road to Lake Sumner, which is a popular destination for visitors in the summer months. The reserve is divided in two by Lake Sumner Road, which roughly coincides with the different land use of each area. The "upper terrace" parcel of the land is primarily used for grazing, while the lower riverside of the roadway is designated for recreational uses such as picnicking and swimming.

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Specific policies

- That the reserve be maintained
- That a lease agreement is established to maintain the reserve on a day-to-day basis for camping purposes
- That the reserve be promoted as a remote camping area
- That the swimming hole access be upgraded
- That amenity trees be planted
- That a historic interpretation board be erected.

Future development potential

In its present overgrown condition, the Waitohi Reserve does not reflect the historic value of the area. In recent years, numbers of visitors to Lake Sumner have increased. It is highly likely that more people would be interested in stopping at the reserve if the amenity value of the area was improved.