



2.4.2 Matangi Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Tauwhare Road, Matangi
Authority	Declared
Area	6.09ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 35917, Lot 1 DPS 11125, Lot 9 DP 588447, Lot 10 DP 588447
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Matangi Hillcrest Sports Club Inc.	Lease	18/01/2037

Background

The reserve includes one full size rugby field and a training field. Both fields are lit to some degree. The Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club building adjoins the main field and there is a small playground to the north of the clubroom. The club has a long history in the community. The Club has a netball team but currently has no facilities for training on site. Access to the reserve is controlled by a gate, which is currently locked other than when the clubrooms are in operation. Two additional parcels were vested through subdivision to the reserve in 2023.

Further development of the reserve is planned with funding set aside to develop multi-purpose/netball courts for the reserve. Other amenities such as carparking, a new playground, additional fields and improved access will be considered within a masterplan for the reserve.



Reserve Issues

- Club building is in a poor condition.
- Poor visual amenity.
- Roadside verge challenging to mow and maintain.
- Unsafe roadside environment for pedestrian/cycling access to and from the surrounding village community.
- Increased sport and recreational opportunities sought by the community.
- Limited vehicle access to reserve.
- Improvement of lighting to sports fields.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Permit the lease of the building footprint to the Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Ensure public access is always available to the reserve car park without attracting anti-social activity.
3. Maintain a local playground on the reserve to support activity on the site.
4. Permit the development of multi-purpose netball/tennis courts on the reserve.
5. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
6. Permit earthworks for the purpose of the development of the reserve

Proposed Development

- Consider location of the playground and increase equipment and seating.
- Provide additional public parking accessible 24/7 while retaining methods (e.g. retention of security gate) to deter antisocial behaviour.
- Provide a public toilet and changing facilities.
- Upgrade training lights.
- A walking loop around the perimeter.
- Consider a permanent dog exercise area.
- Undertake planned multi-use/netball courts development for the reserve.
- Support community initiatives for visual improvements to the reserve.
- Develop a masterplan with the community for long-term use, greater utilisation and access to the reserve, and undertake works as agreed.