

Reserves Heritage Inventory

The Heritage Assessment report reveals that a number of New Lynn's Parks and reserves contain notable heritage values which fall into three general categories:

- Values associated with the area's founding industry, the production of brick and pipe products. This includes the families associated with the industry, the remnants and artefacts associated with the production of brick and pipe products - machinery and product alike, and the landscape modification which is the result of the activities and occupancy associated with the industry.
- Values associated with significant persons and events that are not part of the New Lynn clay industry.
- Values associated with tree species, which are considered to be rare or significant botanical specimens.

Part Two contains an inventory of the specific heritage values for the following reserves:

Ambrico Reserve and Kiln Reserve
Bob Hill Reserve
Delta Triangle
Gardner Reserve
Ken Maunder Park
Lawson Park
Manawa Wetland Reserve
Manuka Park
Memorial Square
Queen Mary Reserve
Todd Triangle
Totara Triangle
Other Reserves



AMBRICO RESERVE AND KILN RESERVE



Previously Known As: Gardner Brothers and Parker's Brickworks site.

Location: Ambrico Place, New Lynn.

Legal Description:

Lot 3 D/P 152489, Property No 9401 Area – 0.2101 hectares Playground Lot 2 DP 12443 Kiln Reserve.

Landscape Character:

Separated by vehicle access to Ambrico Place these two reserves are an interesting contrast to one another. Number 8 Ambrico Reserve is a neighbourhood recreation reserve offering passive amenity opportunities for local residents. Facilities include a playground with designed activities for 0-12 years. Ambrico Kiln Museum Reserve (opposite) is a small, irregular shaped site with long road frontage containing an historic downdraft kiln on its original site. A recently constructed building intended as a public exhibition space sits in close association to the kiln.

Wider Context:

Surrounded by medium density housing units these small inner urban reserves are part of a broader network of local boutique park spaces. The kiln reserve is a unique insertion of historic fabric in a heavily residential environment and successfully recalls and locates past industrial practices in the present.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Historic downdraft Hoffmann kiln



Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Associative Values -

Contains authentic aspects of the site's industrial history as the Gardner Brothers and Parker's Brickwork's site.

Historical values -

Demonstrates an association with one of the founding families of New Lynn as the site of Gardner Brothers and Parker's Brickworks. Listed as Heritage site - Category 1 (ref:1621) in the WCC Proposed District Plan 1995, Amended 1998.

Scientific Values -

Contains the only remaining downdraft kiln of its type in Auckland.

Archeological Values -

Kiln foundation is an archeological site.

History:

1905

"Estimated date of building varies from 1903, 1905 and 1908. 1905 may be more accurate since a small intermittent type of scotch kiln (the 'red' kiln) was first built for the firing of pottery to manufacture the tremendous number of bricks required to build the larger Hoffman Kiln." (Jackson, 1971).

1930s

The capacity of the kiln is documented by Athol Miller (Gardner family)

"Downdraft Kiln – this kiln has a capacity of 30,000 face bricks and is burned once per fortnight." (Miller, 1983, p 109).

1986

New Zealand Historic Places Trust note that "Very few kilns survive in New Zealand and the retention of one is of national importance." (Letter from Chairman NZHPT Building Classification Committee to Pamela Wells, February 23, 1986 NLBC 615/4 Town Planning – Historic Building and Protected Trees 1979-1988).

1971

Reasons for imminent closure due to "difficulty producing clinker bricks for present market trends in this type of kiln. Difficulty obtaining suitable coal." (Jackson, 1971).

1973 New Zealand Historic Places Trust record that the kiln was closed in 1973. (File 287: Gardner Downdraft Kiln).

1989

Historic Kiln committee requests New Lynn Borough Council to consider allocating funds for ancillary buildings on the Historic Reserve in Ambrico Place adjacent to the Gardner bros /Parker kiln to display memorabilia. (Historic Places Trust File 287: Gardner Downdraft Kiln).

1990s

Hoffman kiln restored in early 1990s by local historic committee. The New Lynn Rotary were involved in repairs to kiln. "It was restored as a memorial to the Clarks. One of New Lynn's early brick making families who have provided an unbroken succession of managing directors in the industry down to the former manager of Ceramco - six generations. (Pers. Com A. R. Woolley).

1992

Waitakere City Council issue building consent for an ancillary building on the Kiln Reserve. Museum Kiln. Consent ABA 9201/3042. File notes "The reserve was created for the purpose of ensuring the long term preservation of the kiln". (Letter from P. Raeburn, Planning Admin. Manager, to Buller & Walker Architects, February 19, 1992. Building Consents File, Waitakere City Council).

1999/2000

Reserve developed by Council.



BOB HILL RESERVE



Previously Known As: Hill Crescent Reserve.

Location: 18 Hill Crescent.

Legal Description:

Part Allotment Waikomiti Parish in Block III Titirangi Survey District.

Main reserve area occupies Allotment 520 with an area of 0.9609 hectares. The access way is Part Lot 29, DP 21626 with an area of 0.0097 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Neighbourhood reserve which privileges informal physical amenity in the form of a skateboard bowl and hoop shooting area. The reserve has no significant road frontage but is overlooked by residential properties on three sides. Strong sense of enclosure with clearly defined boundaries which include the face of a factory wall on its northern boundary, Housing New Zealand house stock from c1950s on its southern and western boundaries and a contemporary housing development on its eastern boundary. The park is dominated by the folded form of the skateboard bowl and contains an unusual collection of rare mature Australian tree species.

Wider Context:

Contained within a mixed-use zone the park currently offers specific recreational opportunities with little provision for passive amenity. Almost square in form it is a plateau of relatively flat ground in a hillside suburb.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Skateboard bowl
- Tree collection

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Scientific Value -

The first of its kind in New Lynn / Auckland City the Skateboard bowl has the potential to provide information about human agency in connection with the technical aspects of its construction and design.

Botanical Value -

Mature group of rare Eucalyptus and Angophora species.

See Appendix 1



History:

1954

Gazetted 23rd June 1983, No 88, Page 1932.

1974

Council approached by the New Lynn Lions Club asking permission to develop the Hill Crescent Reserve in stages. "To date they have planted some 90 trees and shrubs in the Reserve. Council agreed to metal and seal an area of approximately 600 sq yards in one corner of the reserve at an estimate cost of \$3,000.00 to enable the Lions Club to erect certain playground equipment which they had agreed to donate. A plan of the reserve showing the size of this area will be tabled at the meeting."

1975

Letter to New Lynn Lions "conveying Council's appreciation of the efforts made by the members of your organisation in installing the successful and worthwhile playground equipment at Hill Crescent Reserve."

1977

Parks Planning Committee recommends the naming of unnamed reserves – Hill Crescent to Bob Hill Park.

1977

Letter from Borough Engineer to New Lynn Lions Club re 50/50 Council /Lions subsidy for the provision of more equipment for the reserve to a maximum of \$250.00.

1977

Skateboard bowl designed by student at University of Auckland via Auckland City. Modelled on a structure in Marlborough Park, Takapuna. Plans prepared for Council in August 1977. (Noted in Records book (WCCA) as "missing").

1977

Petition from residents and ratepayers strongly urging Council to re-site the skateboard complex away from Bob Hill Reserve. Reasons include noise, increase in vandalism, potential to "draw a rough type of persons to the area in large numbers, Motor bike gangs, drinking etc," children stealing fruit from properties bordering the reserve which were not fenced ...

1977

Proposed Development plan for the reserve prepared by Murray-North Partners. Plan details areas of heavy tree planting, low trees or isolated selected species, and a children's play area. The location of the proposed skatebowl is marked together with twelve "selected tables". (Proposed Development of Recreation Reserve. Prepared by Murray-North Partners, undated. Ref: 112PK).

1978

Council minutes recorded completion of the skateboard bowl in February 1978

"The skateboard complex just completed in Bob Hill Park being at the moment the only one of its kind in Auckland is being extremely well patronised, attracting skateboarders from quite some distance away".

1983

Land exchanged with Neil Timber, owner of industrial property bordering the reserve.

"By notice in the NZ Gazette No. 88, 23 June 1983, page 1932 an area of land of some 40m2 being Part Lot 25 DP 21626, CT 932/196 was taken as Recreation Reserve while some 40 m2 of land being Part Lot 27 DP 21026, So Plan 53951, CT 915/173 was vested in the adjoining land owner Neil Timber Ltd",

1986

Further land exchange occurred June 12, 1986

"By notice in the New Zealand Gazette No. 89 if 12 June 1986, page 2484 Part Lots 27 and 28, DP21626. Plan 59986 was exchanged for land being Part 29, DP 21626, CT 924/156, SO Plan 59986. This exchange was at the request of Neil Timber Ltd who own Lots 28 and 29".

1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4 engaged to prepare landscape plan for Bob Hill (Recreation Subcommittee papers 1989).

1989

Management Plan completed.

1989

Landscape Plan completed by Mary Buckland, LA4. Dated Jan 1989.
(Proposal not implemented).



DELTA TRIANGLE RESERVE



Previously Known As: Bollard Avenue Triangle.

Location: Cnr Great North Rd and Delta Rd.

Legal Description:

Lot 10 Block III Titiirangi Survey District. D/P 39979. Area – 0.0225 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Small inner city courtyard reserve with distinctive character derived from an assemblage of ceramic material which collectively memorializes New Lynn's brick industry. Clearly expressed heritage narrative legible on a number of levels.

Wider Context:

The reserve triangle sits at the confluence of Delta Ave and Great North Rd in close proximity to New Lynn's commercial centre - Lynnmall. Part of a small network of pedestrian inner city open spaces it offers passive amenity opportunities adjacent to a main transit route.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Memorial structure to Brick and Pipe Workers
- Connection with local community service group
- Authentic aspects of New Lynn's brick and pipe heritage

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Associative values -

Contains authentic aspects of New Lynn's brickmaking heritage.

Historical values -

Demonstrates an association with the brick and pipe makers of New Lynn and documents their historical locations. Contributes to an understanding of New Lynn's brick industry past.

Scientific Values -

Demonstrates the nature of human agency as connected with the predominant industry in New Lynn and records their endeavors in the form of a range of products which includes edging tiles, bricks, garden items such as urns, underground and dish drains to catch surface water.[The later are still *in situ* at Albert Park].



History:

1938

Bollard Triangle created when land between Great North Rd and Delta Ave was subdivided for housing. (Management Plan 1989, p7).

Named in recognition of the contribution local resident J.P. Bollard made to political and civic affairs in New Lynn and Avondale during the second half of the nineteenth century. (Buffett, 1989, p5).

1946

The Planting Committee, a group which included nurserymen Jack Clark and Noel Cutler were asked to “draw up and put into effect a planting scheme for the Bollard Avenue Triangle”. The scheme was to “make provision for flowering shrubs, a central ornamental tree, and leaving a space on the point for the erection of a low modern commemorative piece of stone and bronze work, such memorial to be erected in conjunction with the citizens and the dedication of the Avenue.”

1947

Instructions to gardener for Bollard Avenue Triangle. “Prepare 3 rose plots as marked. Take delivery from Cutler and Sons 20 shot silk roses and plant in side beds. Take delivery from H J Clark of 6 standard roses for crescent plot and plant. Take delivery from H J Clark of two Cupresses Lutea and from Cultler and Son one C. Lutea and plant at the apex of the triangle as marked. Take delivery from Culter of one flowering cherry (Shirofugen) doublepink and plant in centre of plat as indicated. Arrange with Town Clerk for fertiliser and any loam required. (Notes handwritten by Hugh Brown dated August 26, 1947, headed Beautification Committee, Hugh Brown Collection).

1949

Recommendation that the Lawsonia Lutea in Bollard Triangle be replaced and that roses that had died be replaced by the gardener.

1954

Gazetted 1st April 1954, No. 21, P500. 21st 1982, No. 5, P190.

1975

Historic Places Auckland Regional Committee recommendation to Council to consider preserving some industrial structures and old machinery connected with the early brickmaking era in New Lynn. “These are places of historic interest within the Borough.” (NZHPT Preliminary Survey of the Historic Places in the New Borough, April 1975).

1984

Memorial to the Pioneer Brick Pipe Makers of West Auckland constructed by New Lynn Rotary Club. Designed by A. J. Winter architect. Dedication ceremony held on October 13, 1984. “300 descendents of West Auckland’s pioneer brick and pipe makers will join with older brickmakers still practicing their trade for the dedication of a memorial by New Lynn’s mayor Bruce McNaughton.” (Western Leader, October 11, 1984).

1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4 engaged to prepare landscape plan for Delta Triangle (Recreation Subcommittee papers 1989).

1989

Management Plan records “the courtyard has rose gardens on either side and a small grassed area with a large bush at its southern point. A rubbish receptacle and a water fountain adjoin the memorial”.

1989

Landscape plan prepared by Mary Buckland, LA4 recommends “removal of rosebeds and golden conifer.”

1996

Assessment of the Architectural and Heritage values of New Lynn Kiln on Delta Triangle notes - the alteration or demolition of this building or structure would have an adverse effect on the heritage character of the district because of its architectural value, historical value or visual landmark or street scape qualities. (Holman 1996, pp14 & 18).



DELTA TRIANGLE FABRIC: MEMORIAL



Description:

Memorial to the brick and pipe makers of New Lynn (1850-1950). Six metre high chimney, kiln and seating area incorporates authentic aspects of the brickmaking industry together with a representative range of clay products from the various brickworks operating in New Lynn. Information concerning the location of each industry within the Whau catchment forms part of the design.

Materials:

Variously glazed brick, pipes, field tiles, quarry tiles and roof tiles incorporated into a design which uses authentic bricks reclaimed from the Hoffman kiln at Amalgamated Bricks.

Created / Planted / Designed:

Designed by A.J. Winter, architect, of Winter Design Associates, New Lynn. Project researched by E. McCaffery, former Ceramco employee and bricks laid by A.J. (Alf) Way.

Condition:

A number of the design's original aspects have been removed / altered. An early brick making machine has been removed from the site. Original paved surface around monument has been raised. A drinking fountain, and transparent glass on the upper portion of the kiln have been added – the transparency of this cover is compromised by age / vandalism.

Nature of Significance:

- Contains an historical record of brick products, brick brands and technologies no longer manufactured or practiced in New Zealand.
- Uses authentic materials from the Hoffman kiln and contains at least one brick from many of the original companies which operated in New Lynn.



History:

1984

Memorial to the Pioneer Brick Pipe Makers of West Auckland constructed by New Lynn Rotary Club. Designed by architect Tony Winter, (Winter Design Associates Ltd) and built using bricks reclaimed from the Hoffman kiln – previously No 4 pottery, Amalgamated Brick. (Rotary Archive 1989/1990).

“The six metre chimney of the brick memorial has been built with the help of two of West Auckland’s oldest working bricklayers. Mr Altway (76) has been joined by Bill Shaw (73)...” (Western Leader October 11, 1984).

“Convenor of the memorial project is a former factory manager of Amalgamated Brick and Pipe Workers, Mr Ed McCaffery.” (Western Leader October 11, 1984).

“A photographic display at the New Lynn Community Centre will capture the difference between the commercial centre of today and the untamed landscape of yesteryear... Mr McCaffery has appealed that New Lynn residents who have old photographs and other historical material make these available to the borough library or the War Memorial for safekeeping for future generations.” (Western Leader October 11, 1984).

1989

The courtyard has rose gardens on either side and a small grassed area with a large bush at its southern point. A rubbish receptacle and a water fountain adjoin the memorial. (Management Plan, 1989, p14).



GARDNER RESERVE



Previously Known As:

The Matai Street home of the John Gardner Family 1905 – 1938 and then Briar Gardner (daughter) from 1938 – 1968. Also the Brick Display Area Reserve.

Location: Rankin Ave, New Lynn.

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 115005. Area – 0.3013 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Residential garden fragment containing remnant plantings of ornamental and fruit tree species, and a variety of brick artifacts. Signage confirming the provenance of these components is linked to a hard landscaped area to the rear of the reserve. The reserve has a distinct character which can be attributed to the unusual inclusion of fruiting tree species in the reserve and visual evidence of the site's early history.

Wider Context:

Gardner Reserve is a small neighbourhood open space which sits to the rear of a medium density development of contemporary housing stock. Bounded by the railway line on its northwestern boundary and a primary road on its northeastern boundary the reserve is part of a small web of inner urban greenspace. Pathways through the reserve link industrial, residential and commercial areas of New Lynn.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Indications of original site levels and suggestion of building footprint through landform, tree root exposure and tree locations.
- Productive element associated with an area of plantings on reserve eg Persimmon, Citrus, Peach.
- Remnant brick artifact.
- Connection with prominent New Lynn family and industry.

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Associative values -

Contains authentic aspects of the site's industrial connections.

Historical values -

Demonstrates an association with one of the founding families of New Lynn as part of a larger site belonging to the Gardner family home.

Also has an association with New Zealand's early studio pottery movement as part of a general area used by Briar Gardner as one of her studio pottery sites.



History:

1902

John Gardner purchased the property on December 14, 1902. (Historic Places Trust, File 287).

1905

"1 Matai (now Rankin) St was the home of John and Louisa Gardner. Built around 1905 it was adjacent to Gardner Bros and Parker's Brickworks". (Miller, 1983 illustrations page).

1911

"The Gardner home at New Lynn was well established with tennis court, dairy, fowl run, garage, orchard, gardens, lawns, hedges and native trees. There was quite an area of Manuka scrub in the cowshed paddock and some about the New Lynn home which was not cleared but preserved for Gran for planting native trees." (Miller 1983, p90).

"She [Louisa Gardener] was a wonderful gardener concentrating mainly on vegetable and fruit trees. We had peaches, plums, pears, grapefruit, loquats, tree tomatoes, gooseberries, guava's, figs, persimmons. All the native trees surrounding the house came from the Waitakeres and Godleys... She kept 4 kiwis in a pen in the ti-tree below the old dairy "(Miller, 1983, p21).

1913

R.O Gardner (Son of John and Louisa) built his home at 3 Matai (now Rankin) St. "in Gran's poultry yard and orchard between the entrance road to the works and Webster's house" "Most of Gran's fruit trees were preserved and a hedge of quavas was planted along the works entrance" (Miller, p56) Uncle Tonks (R.O. Gardner) planted Kauri trees, since dead, and about 30 different native trees and shrubs on the road end...(Miller, 1983, p56).

1920s

"Aunty Briar immediately took a great interest in pottery.....after she became proficient on the wheel she persuaded Uncle Jack.....to build her a pottery kiln on Gran's property....." (Miller, p51)

"...after further preamble and much perambulation a site was ceded, if not approved in a well out of the way sequestered corner at the bottom of mother's apple orchard – a sort of no-mans land adjacent to the yard." (Gardner, unpublished papers, p20).

1930

"Under the auspices of the Auckland Society of Arts, Briar Gardner held what was believed to be the first exhibition of Auckland - made pottery and following this she exhibited regularly". (Dictionary of New Zealand Biography: Gardner, Maria Louisa 1879 - 1868).

1938

"On the death of Louisa Gardner in 1938, Briar (daughter) leased the house from Amalgamated Brick and Pipe and established a flat and built a new potters kiln next to the old dairy". (Miller, p51). "...small kiln gone into disrepair. A slightly larger one was made available to me. It was quite near the shed and the wheel where the pottery was made, and the rest of the work done, but there were disadvantages too, it was further from home..." (Gardner, unpublished papers, p33).

1940s – 1950s

Briar's work sold throughout New Zealand and some was exported to Australia. (Dictionary of New Zealand Biography: Gardner, Maria Louisa 1879 – 1968).

1986

Application to New Lynn Borough Council by Ceramco to knock down the R.O.Gardner's property at Number 3 Matai St) which has been used as offices since the 1970s. Proposed redevelopment to include a 15.5 hectare development of industrial and commercial lots. The Company will retain a piece of prime office zoned land which the house stand on [Waiparera Trust Bldg] and Council has been vested with a brick display and garden area, a historic downdraft kiln and public reserve. (Herald, 22/10/86).

1986

Proposed Brick Display Area Reserve Concept and existing site tree plan prepared by Tonkin and Taylor Ltd (April 1986).

Plan notes guava bushes along access road.

1988

Gardner Reserve officially opened, Sunday 21 Feb 1988.



1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4, engaged to prepare landscape plan for Gardner Reserve.

1996

Brick Display area recorded by D. Holman in New Lynn Revitalisation Project.

1998

Landscape plan for Gardner Reserve prepared by Boffa Miskell Ltd. Plan records existing conglomeration of brick pathways and notes "existing original loose brick wall to be retained and archaeological restoration carried out... Existing trees noted.

2000

Construction details document the "stacking of onsite brick and tile rubble that can be used in wall reinstatement." (May 12, 2000 Reserve Management Records, WCC).

2002

Creative New Zealand Grant 2002/2003 Funding Round: \$8,622 Corban Estate Arts Centre: to produce a catalogue to accompany an exhibition about Briar Gardner (Creative New Zealand). Briar Gardner - Pioneer Potter exhibition held December 2002 – January 2003. Corban's Estate Arts Centre. "Briar Gardner is acknowledged as one of the pioneers of the New Zealand studio pottery movement. Working in West Auckland from the 1920s onwards, she acquired a love of clay and learnt the art of making pottery from the staff at her brother's brickworks, and by tenaciously teaching herself. This extraordinary local identity became well known around the country for her vibrant, individual work which is highly collectible today." (Exhibition catalogue, Dec/ Jan 2002).

2003

Council purchases Briar Gardner piece for its collection. "We recently purchased a Briar Gardner piece for the Council. Briar Gardner is an acquired taste. Her works are strong and bold as the very beginnings of art on clay, breaking from the functional "fire on clay" of the brick and kiln works of her family heritage. I was pleased that the Council was able to make these purchases, and you will see them in the Mayoral Lounge. They and other works we have should, I believe, form the basis of a major commitment to clay and its fired beauty". (Mayor R. A. Harvey. May 2003).



KEN MAUNDER PARK



Previously Known As: Binsted Rd Reserve, then Rewa Park.

Location: 21 Binsted Rd, New Lynn.

Legal Description:

Pt Allotment 258 Waikomiti Parish Block III and Pt Allotment 552 Waikomiti Parish Block III. SO 40765.
Pt Allotment 258 – Area 2.9428 + 3.3386 (Total area = 6.2815 Hectares).
Pt Allotment – 255 – Area 0.5640 Hectares.

Landscape Character:

A local park providing recreational opportunities for a number of sporting codes as well as individual recreational facilities in the form of an aging fitness trail and walking track. The park contains a number of built structures of varying architectural styles. Mixed ecosystems along the parks walkway reflect natural processes of mangrove colonisation and the fortuitous germination of now mature Oak species.

Wider Context:

Ken Maunder Park is New Lynn's most significant area of greenspace. Visually and spatially linked to Durrant Place Reserve, the flat open space of the park offers a contrast to the built-up areas which border it on two sides. The park is bisected by Rata St on its eastern side and as a consequence the portion of land bordering this transit route and extending down to the foreshore is visually, spatially and functionally separated from the main body of the park.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Mature *Quercis robur* species on Whau River Boundary.
- Mature *Pinus radiata* on Rewarewa Creek boundary.

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Historical values –

Name commemorates Ken Maunder, a New Lynn Councillor from 1955 to 1971.
Also the landing site (unplanned) of the New Zealand's first cross country biplane air flight by Sandford and Miller.

Botanical values –

Five mature species of *Quercis robur* and remnant *Pinus radiata* shelter belt which dates to the 1900s.



History:

1913

The first cross-country flight by Sandford and Miller landed in what was then Rewa Park in August 1913 (Buffett, 1990, p107). Rewa Park was once at the end of Binsted Rd and was the site of Binsted's Stockyard (Buffet, 1989, p6.).

The Sandford-Miller plane also achieved the first cross-country flight in New Zealand on 31 August, taking off with Sandford at the controls from Avondale, leveling out at 250 feet and heading west. Possibly approaching West Coast Road, along Great North Road, Sandford turned back to make for the racecourse again, but the engine failed, and he made a forced landing on a glide in a paddock "against Binsted's slaughterhouse" beside the Rewa Rewa creek in New Lynn.

1927

Objection on behalf of trustees of Binsted Estate to the continued use of the site as a nightsoil dump.

1940s

Site of the Council rubbish tip from at least 1940's (1959 Land Use Map, WCCA).

1951

Request by Town Clerk to Internal Affairs to purchase a block of land from the late James Binsted for development as a recreational reserve. October, 1951 Transaction approved.

The industrial lands on left side of main entrance were part of the gift by Binsted's. The sale of this land enabled the slow development of the reserve.

1951

Letter from trustee of the Estate of Binsted on behalf of other trustees. "As the property has been in the Binsted family for over 60 years they would be pleased if your Council could see their way to call the property "Binsted Park." (File 9/10/- . Domains and Reserves. 1951-1966. Letter from H.A.V. Bollard to Town Clerk, dated August 31 1951).

1951

Letter from Henry Binsted. "The decision of the New Lynn Borough Council to name a road after my father was much appreciated by the members of the family. I wonder, therefore, if it would be asking too much for the Council to have the spelling on the designated board corrected to BINSTED instead of BINSTED." (File 28/22/1. Streets – Binsted Road / General 1938 –1976. Letter from Henry Binsted to the Town Clerk, dated July 3 1957).

1955

Swimming pool planned for Rewa Park Point to be eliminated and combined districts Swimming Pool considered. (New Lynn By-Election Flier, September 3, 1955).

1955

Title for the land transferred to the New Lynn Borough Council.

1956

Reserve Development undertaken. Council files record that " Mangrove gully is being reclaimed by dumping rubbish. Levelling of 2 football fields undertaken." (New Lynn Municipal Election Supplement, 1956).

1956

Known as Rewa Park from October 1956.

1959 – 1964

Various sporting facilities approved and constructed, Leases approved.

1963

Bridge to Queen Mary Avenue erected.



1966

Plans tabled re proposed upgrade of entranceway. "Proposed walls 4 feet 8 inches in height and the roadway and gates 20 feet wide. The entranceways are to be similar, and the name of each park [Rewa and Mason] is to be displayed in a wrought iron archway over the pedestrian entrance to each park." (File 9/10/- . Domains and Reserves. 1951-1966. Items 9 & 10, Dated 10 August 1966).

1967

Park considered as a possible location for Heliport. Rejected because sports activities would have to be adjourned to allow landings / takeoffs. (Western Leader, May 1967).

1968

Three stage development planned for Park. "The first stage.... will include construction of a soccer field, drainage and grassing. Stage two will involve an alteration in the level of the existing main playing area and the provision of extra soccer fields. Stage three, provides for roading and drainage." (Western Leader, May 28, 1968).

1970

Park's name changed from Rewa to Ken Maunder Park and foreshore and footbridge planting undertaken. Location of plants determined by J. Clarke, nurseryman. 4 x Acer negrunda, 10 x Agonis juniperina, 10 Agonis flexuosa, 2 x Michelia doltsopa, 2 x Quercus palustris, 2 x Cryptomeria japonica, 2 x cupressus sempervirens stricta, 2 Cedrus atlantica glauca. (File 9/-/(2) Domains & Reserves, General. 1964 – 1971. Tree and Shrub schedule dated 4th to 7th August 1970).

1973

Area at the western edge of Park made available for the formation of Adventure Playground.

1974

Establishment of an adventure playground reconsidered in light of overseas trends.

1982

Landscape Plans prepared by Andrew Geddes and Associates. Dated March 29, 1982.

1982

Gazetted 8th July 1982, No 76, Page 2167.

1984

Jaycee's construct an 11 Station Fitness Trail.

1988

Mary Buckland, LA4 engaged to prepare landscape plans for Ken Maunder Park.

1989

Management plan for Ken Maunder prepared.

1989

Landscape Concept Plans and Planting plan prepared by Mary Buckland LA4 for Ken Maunder Park. (Landscape Concept, January 1989, Planting Plan, August 1989 Ref 1169 WCCA).



LAWSON PARK



Previously Known As: Lawson Park Domain

Location: 58 Seabrook Ave, New Lynn

Legal Description:

Sections 1 & 2 Block V Hetana Hamlet. C/T 1800/206. So Plan 12265. Area = 2.4189 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Primarily developed for active recreation Lawson Park is a terraced landscape which accommodates sports matches, spectator seating, children's play and open space amenity. Most recently the park has become the venue for the Wards Trees for Babies initiative which is located on the Willerton Avenue boundary. Of medium size Lawson Park has a character defining row of boundary trees on the Seabrook Avenue Reserve which have been severely compromised by indiscriminate pruning.

Wider Context:

Lawson Park is surrounded by a well established neighbourhood which is made up of a range of housing stock from single family dwellings to multi-unit housing complexes. It is contained on two sides by a variety of residential fences and has a public face on Willerton Ave.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Thyopsis dolabrata and Cryptomeria elegans plantings

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Historical values –

The first public domain created by the New Lynn Town Board in 1919. Constructed in part by unemployed relief schemes through the 1930s. Named in honour of George Lawson Esquire, Chairman of the New Lynn Town Board 1918-1922, and Mayor 1931-1935.

Botanical values –

Contains a rare collection of ornamental tree species. Uncommon cultivars in a recreation park setting.



History:

1919

Letter from Minister of Lands confirming that Sections 1 & 2 Block V Hetana Hamlet be reserved for a park if the New Lynn Board gives an undertaking to improve and manage the land and make it available for recreation purposes. "I congratulate New Lynn on getting what will prove a nice park for the people." (File 9/1/- (No.1) Domains and Reserves: Lawson Park 1919-1953. Letter from Minister of Lands to the Town Clerk March 18, 1919).

1920

Gazetted July 19, 1920. Notice 1920 page 2022.

1920

New Lynn Town Board appointed to be Lawson Park Domain Board.

1921

New Lynn Town Board General Ledger payments for work undertaken on Lawson Park Domain record, Jan 7th 1921 F. Ansen – clearing section. F Postlewaight – ploughing 12 days. July 23rd, August 4th, August 18th J. Armour-planting hedges. Payments were also made for fencing, manure and the purchase of trees for hedging in September of 1921.

1923

"Mr Lawson proposed and Mr Taylor seconded that in the event of Lawson Park being leased for the purpose of grazing horses the trees in that Domain be protected by means of plain wire, the details to be left in the hands of the Chairman." (ACC7. No 3. New Lynn Town District Minute Book April 1918 – May 1925. Minute February 26, 1923).

1923

"The area is ring-fenced and grassed and a border of ornamental trees has been planted." (ACC7. No 3. New Lynn Town District Minute Book, April 1918 – May 1925. Report to the Domain Board for the Year ended December 31, 1923).

1926

"It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Ward and Putt that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Commissioner of Crown Lands asking what steps require to be taken in the matter of the New Lynn Town Board acquiring the title to Lawson Park Domain and the New Lynn Domain near Whau Creek." (Minutes October 26, 1926).

1928

"Mr W, Dawe to keep Lawson Park clear of noxious weeds provided he is granted grazing rights on the area." (ACC7.No 6. New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1928 –Dec 1929. Minute June 12, 1928).

1932

Offer to undertake engineering plans and levels for Lawson Park by E.V. Blake "to enable the work to be carried out by Relief Workers." (File 9/1/- (No.1) Domains and Reserves: Lawson Park 1919-1953. Letter to Mayor from E.V. Blake, August 15, 1932).

1934

Plans for Lawson Park Co-operative Scheme submitted to Unemployment Board seeking assistance from unemployed workers in New Lynn. Proposal details intention to remove all topsoil, excavate and fill, replace topsoil and sow with grass seed for lawns and football ground.

1940

Annual report of the Operation of the Board for the Year ended 31/3/1940 records the temporary employment of 75% fit returned soldiers to level areas of the park for football. (File 9/1/- (No.1) Domains and Reserves: Lawson Park 1919-1953. Report March 31, 1940).

1940

Additional land purchased by New Lynn Borough from Albert Thomas Bailey. Part Lot 3 & 4 DP 999 contained in Certificate of Title 300/149.



1948

Annual report of the Operation of the Board for the Year ended 31/3/1948 records the sowing of grass on the upper levels of the park and the planting of shrubs on roadside banks and general maintenance.

1949

The bank between the Domain and Seabrook Avenue was planted. "The Seabrook Avenue bank has been well tended. The proteas are well established and some are flowering. Plants thieved last year have been replaced by donations from Mr Clark. The Grevilleas along half the brow are doing very well and the *Retinospora* and *Leptocladia* on the east side are now established".

1949

Council adopted the elimination of town planning roadway No 48 running along the eastern boundary of Lawson Park and enlarged the Park.

1949

Proposal from Glenora Rugby Football Club to rotary how, level and sow Lawson Park to enable them to use it for training and games "possibly one day a week". File 9/1/- (No.1) Domains and Reserves: Lawson Park 1919-1953. Letter from Glenora Rugby Football Club to The Town Clerk. November 30, 1949).

1952

Glenora Rugby Football club granted permission to use the Lawson Park Domain for schoolboy practices and games.

1955

Toilet block and changing shed erected.

1959

State of the Parks Report notes that "It is pleasing to record the number of street teams and business teams that are using the park for Village cricket matches in summer.(June 26, 1959, Hugh Brown papers).

1966 –1982

Facilities upgraded, floodlights erected and leases entered into with local clubs.

1985

Aarahoe School adopted the Reserve.

1986

Adventure Playground equipment installed and spectators terrace constructed.

1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4 engaged to prepare landscape plan for Lawson Reserve (Recreation Subcommittee papers 1989).

1989

Management Plan for Lawson Park completed.



MANAWA WETLAND RESERVE



Previously Known As: Margan Pond

Location: Margan Ave

Landscape Character:

Pocket urban wetland reserve constructed from an extensive landform depression – the result of clay quarrying. Despite not being visible from the road Manawa Wetland is never the less a distinctive landscape in the center of a developed residential area. The wetland offers a range of passive amenity experiences and habitat for wildlife and contains native wetland ecosystem planting.

Wider Context:

Small inner urban wetland reserve which contributes to a pedestrian network of open spaces in the central city. Part of a larger quarry site, the wetland is a floodplain for the surrounding residential and commercial area.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Preserved fragments of ceramics from Crown Lynn incorporated into groundplane design
- Statement of Cultural Heritage
- Unmodified landform of remnant clay pit offering information concerning early industrial practices from 1902 and reflecting natural site values.
- Flood plane landscape sustainably managing stormwater flows in an inner urban situation

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Associative values -

Contains authentic aspects of the site's industrial history as Gardner Brothers and Parker's Brickwork's clay pit and Crown Lynn reject pottery pit. This is expressed in ceramic artifact and wholesale landform modification.

Historical values -

Demonstrates an association with one of the founding families and industries of New Lynn as the site of Gardner Brothers and Parker's Brickworks from 1902.

Scientific Values -

Demonstrates the nature of human agency as connected with the predominant industry in New Lynn. Also demonstrates contemporary ecological responses to degraded environments as recognised by the ARC Environmental Award 2000.



Botanical Values -

First 'threatened plant garden' in a Waitakere City Reserve. Contains a collection of nationally threatened *Hebe bishopiana* (Rock Koromiko).

History:

1902

Area containing Manawa Wetland purchased by Gardner Brothers from Jagger and Parker
"The property comprised 50 acres of land, bounded by Totara Ave, Great North Ave, Titirangi Rd, Margan Ave and Matai Ave." (now Rankin) (Miller 1983, p 89 & 117).

1911

"The bricks produced were made from a mixture of clay and sand were buff colouredThe clay pit, even at this stage was quite substantial but was restricted to a relatively small area between the creek and Matai St (Rankin). Clay was obtained by stripping of the topsoil face and mining the clay with picks and shovels..." (Miller 1983, p90).

1920 – 1930

"By this time the deep deposits of clay were rapidly diminishing. To ensure the use of Papa (Rock) and the provision of red bricks ...the firm purchased a Rushton Steam excavator". (Miller 1983, p940).

1929

Gardner Brothers and Parker amalgamated with R.O. Clark Ltd, New Zealand Brick, Tile and Pottery Co Ltd, Glenburn Fireclay and Pottery Co Ltd, to form Amalgamated Brick and Tile Co. Further consolidation occurred with the incorporation of the parent company – Consolidated Brick and Pipe Investments Ltd. Name changed to Ceramco in 1974. (Brett, 1979).

1941

Crown Lynn established.

Once the supply of clay from the pit was used the site was used by Crown Lynn as a dumping area for reject pottery.

1960 – 1970

Area of 2.06 hectares originally used for clay resulting in a large pit up to 15 metres deep. The clay pit was never formally restored, part of it being used as a landfill in the 60s and 70s.

1984

Hugh Brown records in his submissions to the Town and Country Planning Appeal,

"I have resided in Seabrook Avenue since 1938 and since that date the main vista of the people in the street where I live has been the Western Clay pit. While it was being worked it was the centre of activity and interest. As parts of this area was worked out vegetation grew up producing a kind of wilderness (acceptable to most people of New Lynn) ..In 1940 Crown Lynn crockery went into operation and there followed a continuous stream of industrial waste of all kinds tipped indiscriminately into the pit..."

At the beginning of the 1960s there was a line of fine gum trees extending the full length of Margan Avenue growing approximately along the road boundary, and with an undergrowth of young trees screening the land use behind. Later in the 60s, the company cut down all the gum trees on this frontage destroying the screen and exposing the rubbish to public view...

In the 1970s when I was Mayor I got the co-operation of the school-children in a scheme that involved each class adopting a tree, planting it on the berm opposite the school and looking after it. This was very successful to begin with but the soil conditions and seepage were so discouraging that interest lapsed.

These Silver Dollar Gums are still growing to varying degrees."(Notice of Appeal under the Town and Country Planning Tribunal, December, 29, 1984. Hugh Brown Collection).

1999

Designed by Boffa Miskell, Waitakere City Council Parks and Landscape Development Section and Waitakere City Council Ecowater Solutions.

2000

Manawa Wetland development wins ARC Environmental Awards



MANUKA PARK



Previously Known As: Manuka St

Location: 68 Nikau St, New Lynn

Legal Description:

Lots 5, 6,7,8,9,& 10 of DP10377. Part Lot 8 DP 17922. CT 1536/35 Area = 0.8744 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Designed park landscape offering a variety of recreation opportunitys for a wide range of user groups. Play equipment, a mix of soft and hard groundplanes seating and a range of mature, well-positioned deciduous and evergreen tree species contribute to the amenity of the reserve.

Wider Context:

Manuka Park is a land-bound, open space situated at the centre of a well - established neighbourhood which is made up of a range of housing stock. Sitting to the south of three reserves edging the Whau, Manuka is the only sizable recreation space south of Great North Road.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Park design and planting
- Park signage

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Historical values –

New Lynn's first park to be developed using a social planning process model which involved an active community consultation process led by the Mayor, Hugh Brown.

History:

1960

Area containing DP 1037 Gazetted.

1970s

"Up until 3 years ago this land was a wilderness of weeds, blackberries and long grass, and had been used to stock-pile top soil for use within the Borough".

1971

Park contoured and grass sown.



1974

Council petitioned by residents of Manuka and Kelston Sts requesting "That the Council owned vacant land opposite No. 13 Manuka St be developed for the benefit of all local citizens with special emphasis being placed on providing suitable separate recreational facilities for children in the 4-9 and 10-14 year age group. That provision be made for the elderly citizen to rest and mix with young people..."

1975

Development of the park investigated by Community Advisor, Mr P.R. Firkin in a report entitled Possible Ultimate Development of Manuka and Culter Street Reserves. "What is intended is that the area should be developed as a series of areas for differing activities with the pathway being the central and most important feature... All should be planned as individual units with local people".

Recommending separate play areas for different age groups, Firkin also suggests the inclusion of a building near the play area for young children. "...it could form the basis for a pre-school welfare group. If properly designed it could be a meeting place for several night time clubs of various descriptions". Plan (lost) tabled with proposal.

1976

Report of the Chairman of the Parks Planning Committee records substantial plantings undertaken at the park in August. These include:

- "Looking in from Manuka St on the left side towards the boundary and going towards the back of the Park" - Clump of 16 Silver Birch trees, Group of 4 Liquidamber, 1 x Pohutukawa and 1 x Scarlet Gum for shade and shelter. 1 x Golden Elm, 3 x Golden Wattles for all year round shade and shelter, 2 x Round Leaf Snow Gums.
- Along Back Boundary – line of 6 Silver Dollar Gums, 1 x Red Alder, Boundary hedge of approx 140 Acmena, 1 x Golden Wattle.
- West Boundary – 5 x Scarlet Gums, 1 x Golden Wattle.
- Centre of Park – 1 x Claret Ash – "the main feature in the Park."

1976

Public Meeting held to "assess the possibilities of this particular piece of land". Council's development plan explained by the Mayor who gave a description of the planting to date and the reasons for the choice of trees. Public opinion canvassed regarding proposed park facilities and apparatus. A maximum attempt was made to gain community involvement... "Yours is the only park in our Kelston area and you are the first in New Lynn to be offered this opportunity."

1977

Named Manuka Park, previously known as Manuka Street.

1978

"Plan for Manuka Park was prepared by the former Mayor Mr Brown in consultation with a Committee of some of the local residents. This plan shows a type of Maori meeting house, a children's ship for playing on, a seated area, volley ball wall, toilet block, extensive tree planting.... The seated area, volleyball wall, toilet block and lighting have been completed. The tree planting was carried out. After the drought, only 40% of those trees are now growing.

1983

Gazetted 23rd June 1983, No 88. Page 1932.

1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4 engaged to prepare landscape plan for Manuka Park.

1989

Concept Plan prepared by Mary Buckland, LA 4, dated November 1989. Plan records existing hazel coppice and eucalyptus grove.



MEMORIAL SQUARE



Previously Known As: Memorial Avenue.

Location: Great North Rd / Totara Rd.

Legal Description:

Pts Lot 6 FP 107435, Pt Lot 2 DP 146199, PT Lot 1 DP 146199 Area = 0.4446 hectares.
Not a reserve, but maintained by Parks Dept as a Park.

Landscape Character:

Commemorative memorial landscape which incorporates contemporary sculptural elements and landscape structures to honour local wartime sacrifices. The commemorative integrity of the memorial space has been compromised with the loss of authentic aspects of the original design. As a consequence the memorial as a whole entity (memorial buildings and open space at the corner of Gt South Rd and Memorial Drive) is not easily read as a cohesive designed landscape in its present form.

Wider Context:

A collection of open spaces which sit alongside New Lynn's commercial precinct and act variously as a transition zone linking the carparking area to New Lynn's commercial precinct and as a site or public sculpture.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Tangible public record of collective communal loss in distinctive contemporary forms.
- Contemporary public sculpture referencing New Lynn's geo-historical connection with the portage

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Historical values –

Physical manifestation of an aspect of history that links New Lynn to national and international events.

Original memorial bronze work design and crafted by Richard Gross, a significant memorial sculptor.

Also a designed landscape in which the original concept was perhaps more significant than its individual components.



History:

1947

Architects plan for Proposed Community Centre for New Lynn. "The architects sketch plan of the community centre is to serve as a war memorial for the borough of New Lynn". The plan features 4 tennis courts, Council chambers, a library, memorial feature, a kindergarten, gymnasium, recreational and instructional rooms, Plunket rooms and 2 basketball courts. *New Zealand Herald*. June 23, 1947. p9.

1953

"New Lynn is to at last have a combined Civic Centre and War Memorial worthy of the district. It will comprise Plunket Rooms, Kindergarten, Civic Library and Memorial Court and Terrace, centrally situated on land worth £2,500. The estimated cost of this splendid scheme is £ 35,000, nearly two-thirds of which will be paid by Government subsidy; the remainder is to be raised by donations from local sources... You may think this is a tremendous task, but it isn't really – not if EVERYBODY does his or her share and this means that EVERY house in New Lynn and Kelston must contribute within the next three to four months an equivalent of 5- in cash or in kind..... Members of the energetic Campaign Committee which have been set up to cover each area and every street in the district will shortly be making a direct approach to you". (Open letter to every householder in New Lynn from Mayor, Stan Rickards, March 2, 1953).

1954

Plan for memorial precinct prepared by Gummer, Ford and Partners titled New Lynn Community Centre, dated Dec 7, 1954 includes flagpoles, memorial tablet, boundary walls, sign board.

1956

Opening of War Memorial Plunket Rooms. "There has been much discussion in [the] past on the form a War Memorial should take. Symbolic memorials – Cenotaph or something of that nature? Living Memorials – Sports fields, swimming pools, gymnasias, halls etc. Usable things, something that would benefit the living. Opponents of living memorials say that their proponents are more interested in what they get rather than in memory of the fallen. Supporters say those who died, died for a better world and we should do something in accordance with their wishes. So it is that we planned a composite memorial, living memorials – Plunket, Kindergarten, Library. Symbolic – a Cenotaph type of structure with a Memorial Court". (Mayor's notes for the opening of the War Memorial Plunket Rooms on April 28, 1956).

1958

"Memorial layout re-planned when it was realised that the Kindergarten was better out of the Centre. The Cenotaph was re-sited at the end of the lawn and RSA invited to take up the Kindergarten site". (Hugh Brown, typed copy of Letter to the Auckland Star Editor, Dec 9, 1974).

"The whole area is being re-planned. Memorial re-sited in a better position with full support of R.S.A. Buildings and layout of surrounds is underway. Bronze work now being cast by Mr Gross, Auckland's leading sculptor. Unveiling next Anzac Day" (memo, Hugh Brown 1958).

1963

"Work is at present proceeding on the balance of the community centre, with the aim that it be completed prior to the opening of the regional shopping centre at the end of October.... I suggest that Memorial Avenue as we now know it, plus the other one-way road, plus the R.S.A. forecourt be known collectively as "Memorial Square",... The term "Memorial Square" would have the effect of binding the area together as a whole (Mayoral Report, Central Town Planning, September 5, 1963).

1974

Combined Council and New Lynn Rotary Club re-development of Memorial Square.

"Memorial lawn replaced with paved groundplane. Drinking fountains, seats, decorative trees and a rock mound added" (Western Leader, March 19, 1974).

1974

"I must protest against the action of the New Lynn Borough Council in planting a great heap of rock and sections of drainpipes on the lawn at the Memorial Square. It appears to be some attempt to 'beautify' the area but is badly conceived. It is too big and too high and too ostentatious... It's size is an arrogant counterpart to the simple cenotaph at the other end of the lawn." (Hugh Brown's notes for publication in the Western Leader).



1981

Gummer Ford and Partners produce plan for memorial area.

1983

Modifications to the Memorial planned. "New Lynn Borough Council has approved in principle development in Memorial Square....A reading area with trees and seating is planned for one corner of the square outside the library. The area between the library and the borough council buildings will also be banked." (*Western Leader*, April 26, 1983).

1983

"The Memorial consists of the Plunket Building, the library, the Council offices, the lawns around these buildings, the memorial lawn which stretches from the Great North Rd to and including the Cenotaph and from Memorial Drive across to the kerbing on the other side of the library... The memorial centre was designed by one of New Zealand's leading architecture firms and for over 30 years was treated with the respect it deserved... many of our longstanding citizens were deeply offended to see the memorial lawn used for bazaar stalls for a fair day and market day...The extent to which people forget the significance of this Memorial Lawn is shown by references to this as "the village green" ..." (Hugh Brown, Letter to the Editor, *Western Leader*, October 4, 1983).

1983

"New Lynn Mayor, Bruce McNaughton says a lot of thought has gone into the development of Memorial Square and work will be started in the next three to four months. "The work will involve putting in flower gardens and paths and realigning the paving area in front of the cenotaph itself" he says. Mr McNaughton says the main reason for putting in raised flower beds is to place them strategically so people will be directed to safe crossing points to the post office and community centre... "The raised gardens should also alleviate some of the wet patches people know there are in the square" he says. "The object is to pave the whole area with a chip and replace the flag stones". He says work should be finished in time for next year's Anzac ceremony". (Editors response to letter by Hugh Brown, *Western Leader*, October 4, 1983).

2000

New memorial completed. Designed by Megan Wraight, Landscape Architect.

"A grid of brick pillars reflects the industrial history of New Lynn and carry both the RSA memorial plaques and support red and white roses (for peace and love). The roses will eventually form a canopy over the square. A diagonal line of Totara inserts across the square creates a spine and emerges at either corner as a free-standing canoe prow and stern. These artworks were designed and carved by the Matariki Carvers, (Te Kawerau a Maki). The prow is a fine traditional carving in kauri set on a stainless steel base; the stern a stylised, stainless steel structure that has been etched in a red earth colour with a traditional design". (Way to go! Walking and Cycling map. New Lynn, Kelston. Glen Eden. Waitakere City Council).

2000

"The design consists of 16 brick pillars which symbolise soldiers, with water running down four to symbolise the tears shed for loved ones... sunken waka..., points north – the direction in which Maori believe souls fly before departing this world." (*Western Leader*, May, 2000).

2001

Memorial plaques unveiled in ceremony. "The names of 33 men who died during the two world wars and the Korean conflict are displayed on a plaque unveiled at a ceremony on Memorial Drive on Friday...The memorial was opened about a year ago without a plaque..(*Western Leader*, May 21, 2001).

2003

New civic precinct currently under development. "This will incorporate the new Library, Citizens Advice Bureau, Service Centre and the Town Square. The New Lynn Library will be built behind Memorial Drive and the existing war memorial will be expanded significantly... The Memorial Square will also be upgraded, in keeping with its prime role as a town square." (New Lynn Town Centre Newsletter, August 2003).



QUEEN MARY RESERVE



Previously Known As: Sandy Bay.

Location: Queen Mary Avenue.

Legal Description:

Lot 12, DP 21157, Lot 13, DP 21157. C/T 517/200 and 708/394. Area = 0.1543 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Semi-circular shaped reserve which abuts the Whau foreshore on three sides and is bounded by residential dwellings on its southern side. Topographically flat and ringed with a collection of established native trees the reserve offers foreshore access, estuary views and passive amenity opportunities. As a consequence of strong tidal cycles and heavy mangrove growth, the reserve has a weak relationship with the water.

Wider Context:

Located at the terminus of Queen Mary Avenue, the reserve is at the northern end of the Borough. Contrasting with the developed nature of privately-owned land bordering the reserve, Queen Mary is a largely undeveloped, open expanse of land which lies in close proximity to two other foreshore reserves - Durrant Place Reserve and Ken Maunder Park .

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Expansive area of open space offering estuary views in a built-up residential zone

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Historical values –

A rare and unusual landscape of leisure fabricated and maintained from a natural landscape by a community group formed specifically for the purpose. Community group experiences embedded in the memory of the 'place' which no longer exists in spatial terms.

There is also the potential for the site to yield possible archaeological finds / authentic artifacts from the period prior to Harbour Board reclamation in the original beach foreshore area.



History:

1925

J A Parry submitted a plan of a scheme of a subdivision of the late Miss Morison's property, Queen Mary Avenue to Council for approval. Approved October 26, 1925.

1938

Area of land comprising 1012m² offered to the New Lynn Borough Council by Mr & Mrs E.F.S. George, provided the land was kept tidy and in good order at all times.

1939

Council obtain a further 531 m² to the west of the gifted land.

1944

Land Agents offer 24 lots of the Morison estate for sale facing the Whau Creek and the sale notice records a small reserve designation on the Whau estuary end as a "recreation reserve", Lot 12 of 20 perches. (File 9/024/- Domain and Reserves: Morrison (sic) Ave, 1938-1974. Auction notice undated).

1945

Letter to Council from E.M. Murley asking that a sandy beach be constructed adjacent to the reserve and that two gate pillars be erected at the entrance of the reserve to show the public the entrance. It was stated that natural salt water is very healthy for children. (File 9/024/- Domain and Reserves: Morrison (sic) Ave, 1938-1974. Memorandum from E. M. Murley to Town Clerk, January 28, 1945).

1945

Local residents petition New Lynn Borough Council "for making and improving a sandy salt water beach for New Lynn" ... request the New Lynn Borough Council to take steps to improve the Beach at Queen Mary's Ave by obtaining two or more scow loads of sand and having it spread there ... We think New Lynn should have a suitable beach, the same as at other places. The site is central and safe for children, where their Mothers could sit, read, or knit etc, or meet together while their children were safe and getting good health and enjoyment..." (File 9/024/- Domain and Reserves: Morrison (sic) Ave, 1938-1974. Memo from Mr E. M. Murley and local residents to New Lynn Borough Council, undated).

1949

Kelston Gardening Circle met with Council to discuss a beautification scheme for the Morison Avenue Bathing Reserve. Plan prepared and proposals made to the Borough Council included:

1. That 5 or 6 Pohutukawa be planted along the bank from Morison Ave to prevent erosion without obstructing views.
2. That a border of low growing plants suited to the coastal conditions eg low koromiko, flax be planted from the Pohutukawas towards the point.
3. That a shelter belt row of Karo (*Pittosporum crassifolium*) be planted on the boundary on the landward side" The letter records that bathing sheds had been recently labelled and suggests "that it might assist to lessen this evil [vandalism] if a sign be placed by the gate, worded to have psychological appeal eg This property was given, and trees planted for the benefit of the residents of New Lynn." (File 9/024/- Domain and Reserves: Morrison (sic) Ave, 1938-1974. Letter from the Beautifying Committee to the Town Clerk dated September 12, 1949).

1949

Letter from Town Clerk to Honorary Custodian advising that "it is hoped to arrange for the planting of the Pohutukawa's and shelter belt on the southern boundary in the near future. (File 9/024/- Domain and Reserves: Morrison (sic) Ave, 1938-1974 Letter from the Town Clerk to Mr L. Cecil dated September 28, 1949).

1950

Letter from Town Clerk accepting Mr K Prentice as Honorary Custodian of Sandy Bay Reserve and thanking him for his sense of civic responsibility.(File 9/024/- Domain and Reserves: Morrison (sic) Ave, 1938-1974. Letter to J.F. Bullock from Town Clerk Dated June 28, 1950).

1950

Letter from Honorary Custodian to Council pointing out that "the sections adjoining the reserve have now been sold and that the anticipated clearing of the bush-covered sections will raise serious complications, eventually resulting in the deterioration of the reserve as a public resort."



1956

Mayor Report on Park Policy recommends that Morrison (sic) Avenue Park should be developed for a playground only. "The harbour water here is polluted." (Mayoral Report No. 56/13 May 21, 1956).

1972

Auckland Harbour Board advise Council that an area of 1162m² of land adjacent to the north of the reserve is to be reclaimed.

1974

"Recommended that Council decides on the future use of the land at the end of Morrison (sic) Ave, both Council owned and reclaimed, so that a firm application may be made to the Auckland Harbour Board with a view to having reclaimed land vested in Council as a recreation reserve." (File 9/-/-. (3) Domains and Reserves: General 1972-1975. Minute September 9, 1974).

1983

Gazetted June 23 1983, No 5, P190.

1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4 engaged to prepare landscape plan for Queen Mary Reserve (Recreation Subcommittee papers 1989). Landscape plans include planting specifications which detail groups of *Lagunaria pattersonii*, and a number of spaced *Meterosideros excelsa* as well as other species and suggest the removal of all Acacia trees on site. (It is likely that some of these planting recommendations were implemented as these two species appear on the reserve today).

1989

"The reserve is flat and in grass with some shrubs planted around the edge of the reserve. There is a low wooden fence with a chain along the cul-de-sac frontage and 1.2m high wire fence along the southern boundary. (Management plan 1989, p17).



TODD TRIANGLE RESERVE



Previously Known As: Triangle Reserve.

Location: Rankin Ave, New Lynn.

Legal Description:

Pt. Allot. 1 Allotment 256 Waikomiti Parish. C/T 318/142. Area – 0.1037hectares.

Landscape Character:

Open gathering area with raised landscape plantings, fixed street furniture and established trees. Todd Triangle has local landmark status afforded by:

- Its main feature -the clocktower.
- Its high visibility location – alongside major traffic arterials.
- Established feature from New Lynn’s earliest days.

Wider Context:

Classified as a town centre park, Todd Triangle is one of a network of open greenspace areas in the inner city/ commercial zone of New Lynn. Designed to accommodate passive amenity, this function is now at odds with the reserve’s location at the fork of a significant traffic intersection.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Clocktower – refer Todd Triangle fabric.
- Connection with local community service group – New Lynn Rotary.
- Distinctive triangular shape of reserve.

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Associative values –

New Lynn’s earliest recreation reserve and local landmark.

Historical values –

Connection with New Lynn Rotary club as their first community project .

Scientific Values –

Clocktower is believed to be the first pre-stressed structure of its kind in the world.



History:

1914

Letter to the Commissioner of Crown Lands from the New Lynn Town Board asking for the transfer of “ a piece of land situated at the corner of the Great North Road and Totara Avenue and Todd Avenue for the purpose of erecting District Offices thereon.” (Letter to Commissioner of Crown Lands from New Lynn Borough, 27/2/1914, BAAZ 1109 842 A).

1917

“The Town Clerk submitted a sketch plan drawn by the Engineer showing how the Triangle Reserve, now used as metal dump could be laid out and made a beauty spot. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk seek an interview with the Waitemata County Council Chairman with a view of securing the ground.” (ACC 7. No 2. New Lynn Town District Minute Book. Nov. 1913 – May 1918. Minute, 17 December, 1917).

1919

Letter from the Waitemata County Council re Pt Lot 256, Triangle Reserve, offering “to transfer to the Board this land for the sum of 275 [pounds], plus costs to be ascertained, ½ the purchase money to be allocated to Waitemata Riding, ¼ to the Titirangi Riding and ¼ to the New Lynn Town Board, referred to the Board in Committee to be held on 28th Oct.” (ACC 7. No 3. New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1918-May 1925. Minute, 13 October 13,1919.)

“Plan of the Triangle Reserve was forwarded by J. Nicholson, Domain Gardens [Auckland City] the plan was highly admired and on the motion of Messrs Handley & Sampson, it was resolved that Mr Nicholson be thanked for his services and that the Chairman be empowered to adequately remunerate him with a cash amount. ...” (ACC 7. No 3. New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1918 - May 1925. Minute 13, October 13,1919).

1921

Vested to the Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Waitemata on Feb 25 1921.

1922

Reserve transferred to the New Lynn Town Board May 8, 1922 .

1926

“It was reported that some residents of the District have promised to supply palms and shrubs for the Triangle Reserve and that Messrs H.J. Culter and R. Wright have offered their services as a Planning Committee in connection with the matter. It was resolved that ... the Board accept the services of Messrs Culter and Wright with thanks and that Mr Thomas be authorised to protect the shrubs with wire netting when planted”. (New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1925– May 1927.Minute, May 24, 1926).

1926

“On the motion of Messrs Gardner and Wilding, it was resolved that letters be forwarded to Mrs Gilliam and Mr Wright expressing the Boards thanks for the generous donation of shrubs for the Triangle reserve.” (New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1925– May 1927 Minute, 23 August, 1926).

1927

New Civic Centre planned which extended the form of the Todd Triangle back to Matai street (now Rankin) to accommodate a Town Hall. “Mr Lovie outlined the civic centre proposal: briefly it meant the creation of a new main street 980ft long and 100 ft wide in the heart of the town... The proposed new main street will be the continuation of the existing Matai Ave in the same straight line until it joins the Great North Road... The Town Hall which is on the other side of the square, comprises a concert chamber, municipal chambers, offices, and a library, and fronts to the proposed new street and the Northern Highway...The layout has been designed on modern town planning lines with a view to providing direct access to every portion of the district and neighbouring suburbs...(Auckland Star, February 12, 1927).

1927

Proposal to utilise the triangle as a soldiers memorial. “Rev Rankin suggested that the area known as the Triangle Reserve be set aside for a memorial to soldiers”. (New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1927 – May 1927. Minute 1 May, 1927).

“It was resolved on the motion of Messrs Lovie & Ward, that Rev. Rankin be asked to meet the Board for the purpose of considering the style of proposed war memorial and that subject to the Board approving of the style of the memorial, permission be granted for that Triangle Reserve to be used for the purpose.” (ACC 7 No 5. New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1927– May 1928 Minute 14 June, 1927).

“Rev. Rankin outlined proposals for monument and the laying out of grounds and submitted sketches of the proposed memorial...It was suggested that a public meeting be convened with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the residents with respect to a Soldiers Memorial.” (ACC 7 No 5. New Lynn Town District Minute Book. April 1927– May 1928 Minute 20 July, 1927).



1927

“Chairman reported that Mr Ward and he had attended the public meeting to consider the question of a war memorial. There was a small attendance, but the feeling of the meeting was unanimously against the scheme and it was decided to let the matter drop.”

1928

Recreation Reserves. The Triangle Reserve, of $\frac{3}{4}$ acre owned by the Town Board. Is situated in the middle of the township, and is being developed as a beauty spot and resting place. (Anon, 1928 Local Authority Handbook).

1928

Request from the New Lynn Boys Brass Band for permission to give a band performance on the Triangle Reserve . It was resolved that the request be granted subject to some suitable person supervising the gathering in order to prevent damage to shrubs in the area.”

1929

Councillor Lawson raised the question of enabling the public to use the reserve for recreation purposes and proposed that turnstiles be introduced into the railings at various points and that seats be furnished. In regard to the latter he anticipated that several donations of seats would be available.

1929

Councillor Lawson outlined certain proposals to the Council embracing improvement to the Reserve in three particulars namely, seats (3) together with a central rockery and suitable turnstyle as entrance.

1930s

Band rotunda constructed by Council in the latter half of the 1930s. Between Gilliam and Bell and The Hub lay a small village green known as ‘The Triangle’. Naturally it was triangular in shape and contained a band rotunda with a number of nice ornamental trees and flowerbeds. Before the war the New Lynn Citizens Band often played lovely ‘umpah’ music there on Summer evenings and people strolled around on the lawns or sat listening beneath the trees”.

1954

Gazetted 23 June 1983, p1932.

1963

Recommendation by the Central Township sub-committee approved that the configuration of the Triangle at its point is altered to provide a left turning lane into Totara Ave.

1967

“At a recent meeting... reference was made to the rare and attractive trees you have donated to beautify the environs of the community centre and the triangle reserve and also the most attractive rock garden you have constructed adjoining the entrance to the War Memorial Library. ...

1969

New Lynn Splash of Colour. “an attractive splash of colour in the centre of New Lynnoval rockery at the top end of town triangle..... constructed by employees of the New Lynn Borough Council... The garden will be planted with flowers and shrubs”.

1980

Seating area constructed by the New Lynn Rotarians for the New Lynn public. Its construction commemorating the 75th anniversary of Rotary International, the 50th anniversary of New Lynn and the 50th anniversary of Ceramco. Nine-sided plaque depicting the Rotary anniversaries and New Lynn themes included in Triangle redevelopment. “The most ambitious task undertaken by members of the club who sought to provide the workers / shoppers of New Lynn with a pleasant place to rest”. (Western Leader, June 28, 1980, p2) Seating area designed by Vincent Chong, architect, Roland Barrett, gardener, Philip Kilmore, plaque designer (Pers. Com, A. R. Woolley, Nov 12, 2003).

1983

Gazetted June 23 1983. No 88, Pg 1932.

1984

There are a number of attractive mature trees planted throughout the reserve with picnic tables under them. Around the reserve are a number of rose bushes.

1988

Mary Buckland, LA 4 engaged to prepare landscape plan for Gardner Reserve (Recreation Subcommittee papers 1989). Landscape Plan prepared for Todd Triangle dated Jan 1988 includes a steel pergola which “encloses all of the courtyard and ties elements together.”

1989

Management Plan for Todd Triangle completed. Plan notes that a pergola is proposed for the Triangle.



TODD TRIANGLE CLOCK TOWER



Description: 24 foot high brick clocktower. Clock face cantilevers from tower. Underground battery powered mechanism. Plaque on brick column records the involvement of the New Lynn Rotarians in its construction.

Materials: Brick exterior with metal reinforcing rod core anchored in a reinforced concrete base.

Created / Planted / Designed: Designed by Mr V.A.W. (Vic) Youll (Engineer, Amalgamated Brick and Pipe). Brick tower constructed by Mr Alf Way. Clock supplied by Automatic Telephone and Electric Co. (N.Z) Ltd.

Condition: Good

Nature of Significance:

- Believed to be the first pre-stressed brick tower in the world
- The first project undertaken by the New Lynn Rotary as a community service in 1961
- Local icon and significant geographical marker in New Lynn

History:

1961

Clocktower officially handed over to the New Lynn Borough Council by the New Lynn Rotarians in August 1961 "This tangible gift to the community will be in the future a legacy of goodwill to the Club which will assist materially in fulfilling any projects that the Club may adopt in the future years." (Rotary archive).

Clocktower selected for donation because of its ability to act as a strong visual connection to their club. Also seen as a "tangible statement of the New Lynn's prosperity and industrial heritage." (Pers. Com. A.R. Wolley, member of New Lynn Rotary).

"The tower is an example of brickwork of the most modern forms of construction known to the building industry." (Rotary archive).

"After the formal handing over, the borough council will beautify the area around the tower with shrubs." (New Lynn News, June 28, 1961).

1971

Clock tower knocked down by a vehicle in November 1971. "What used to be the towns centre piece is now an eyesaw". Without doubt the clock is the town's most important object because it serves thousands daily." "As one travelling through New Lynn twice daily let me say how much I miss this famous clock" "New Lynn has temporarily lost its heart – the clock in the triangle." (Western Leader, 16 November 1971).

1972

Clocktower re-erected in response to public demand in July 1972.

"Demands by passing motorists and residents were added to those at the borough council to get the clock back... Now it is back the 30,000 daily travelers on the Gt North Rd will once again have instant time." (Western Leader, July 4, 1972).

1981

Image of Clocktower used as cover on "Issues '81" a document of public consideration and comment. (Second review of the New Lynn Borough District Scheme).

2002

Image of Clocktower used as cover for Rotary Club of New Lynn Members Handbook 2002-2003.



TOTARA TRIANGLE



Location: Totara Avenue.

Legal Description:

Lot 2 DP142028. Area = 0.0950 hectares.

Landscape Character:

Small gently sloping reserve which aprons one side of the Community Centre structure. Contains two specimen trees set in a grass amphitheater with informal seating areas. Sense of separation from road / rail corridor achieved by low bluestone wall which effectively defines the reserve's boundary without impacting on internal / external views and open quality.

Wider Context:

Totara Triangle sits within the older commercial landscape of New Lynn. Bounded by roads on two sides, the railway line on a third and the glass face of the Community building on its fourth it offers passive amenity primarily for users of the Community building.

Defining Aspects of the Site:

- Contemporary landscape treatment which complements recently built community complex
- Use of stone as hard landscape feature in a town dominated by brick

Statement of Cultural Heritage:

Associative values –

Symbolic Totara remains in original planted location (although this is now outside of the reserve as defined by stonewall).

Historical values –

Demonstrates an association with Norman Kirk as a site specifically acquired for his memorial and an original landscape specifically designed to commemorate his life.



History:

1975

Request from The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society to all local bodies to arrange for the planting of three Totara trees as a lasting tribute to the late Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Norman Kirk. "The idea comes from a tribute paid by the Hon. Mat Rata – Minister of Forests- shortly after Mr Kirk's death. He then said, "The great Totara has fallen". (File 9/-/(3) Domain & Reserves, General. 1972-1975. Item 6. March 3 1975).

1976

Council Minutes record proposals for the development of a Railway Beautification Reserve. "Proposals for development are as follows; The general idea to provide something light and airy and keeps the site looking as large as possible and pleasant to look at by people in the vicinity and at the same time have something that is useful and attractive for people who want to sit down. The plan sets out a moderately large patio "A" on the plan, 30 ft along the Railway side and 25ft on the West. The area is to be paved in brick and sheltered on the West and South by a 5ft brick wall... This will be approached by a 6ft path "B" from Totara Avenue. A smaller patio "D", 21ft by 14ft towards the crossing to be connected to the 6ft path "B" by a 4ft.6ins. path "C" also in brick... Both patios to be for seating inside the perimeter. The main patio "A", to have backed seats against the brick walls (on the S. & W. sides), and slab seats on the other sides. The smaller patio "D" to have backed seats on four sides, the patio "D", to be sheltered by a low hedge of Needle-leaf Totara outside the perimeter. The main patio "A", to have a hedge behind the brick walls for protection. On the street side of the path "C" three Silver Birch trees to be planted, In the centre of the patio "A" a large Golden Totara (Ex Olympic Park) to be planted as the Norman Kirk Memorial tree". (File 9/-/(4) Domain & Reserves, General. 1975-1977. September 6, 1976).

1976

Emblematic planting of memorial Totara "Soon after the death of the then Prime Minister, the late Mr Norman Kirk. M.P. the New Lynn Borough Council decided to plant a Totara tree in his memory. We have had difficulty in getting a suitable Totara and it has taken time to get the site prepared. However these two problems have now been overcome. The site is a newly acquired Railway Beautification lease near the Railway Station, Totara Avenue in the centre of the town- and a 16ft Totara has been placed "in position". The planting will be done by the late Prime Minister's son, Mr John Kirk" (Official Invitation to ceremony, dated November 29, 1976, Hugh Brown Collection).

1976

"...it was they [Auckland area Manager of the Railways & Property Manager] who responded to our requests and gave considerable co-operation in cleaning up of this site and to the making over of this site to the Council as a beautification lease at a peppercorn rental. I welcome also the heads of A.B. Bricks ...who supplied the expertise for the laying of this brick paving.

I should apologise for the delay in getting this tree on the site but we had considerable difficulty in getting a tree of the stature and quality of the man whose works we commemorate here today". (Notes for Commemoration address, undated, written by Hugh Brown, Hugh Brown Collection).

1994

Council seeks design concept for reserve from Melean Absolum. Scheme proposes the relocation of existing trees and the construction of Norman Kirk Memorial Rose Garden.

2000

Boffa Miskell Ltd Plan prepared for the re-design of Totara Reserve. Design notes for the detailed design plan of Totara Reserve record "existing Titoki (sic) retained (Memorial Plaque Location)."



Other Reserves

In addition to the above, the following reserves listed in the New Lynn Management Plan have heritage values that may require further investigation:

Cutler Reserve

Once the site of a very successful plant nursery H.J. Cutler and Son Ltd specialised in roses, shrubs, fruit trees, hedging, citrus, native trees and small fruits. In Council ownership by 1966, it was the subject of a survey and landscape proposal by pupils of Green Bay High School in 1976.

Durrant Place Reserve

The site of William Thomas' brickworks from c1893. "William Thomas erected a brick works on his property, at the bend in todays Queen Mary Avenue, just above todays footbridge over the creek and where the creek channel runs closest to the land. Deed R296-4 describes the original straight piece of Queen Mary Avenue that goes north at Nikau St as "Wharf Road" and confirms that location of the brick works, with the wharf at the end used to load and unload bricks and supplies. The New Lynn Council changed the name when they formed a proper roadway there" (Heritage report).

Memorial Square

The first New Lynn War Memorial arches stood on the corner of Rankin and Margan Aves and were officially unveiled in 1933. This was on the site of the old brick church 'St Andrews', built by Crum and Clark around 1920. Memorial Square appears to have followed on from this. The bronze memorial work was commissioned from Richard Gross and was noted by Mayor Hugh Brown as "being cast" in 1958. Photographs of the official opening of the Memorial Square record a bronze plaque triptych on a freestanding wall over a water feature.

Gross was a significant classically trained sculptor who frequently worked in association with William Gummer. He has been credited with producing some of New Zealand's finest public sculptures and examples of his work include; the lion at the base of the Dunedin cenotaph, the fountain at the National War Memorial carillon Wellington, the stone frieze on the Auckland War Memorial Museum, the Athlete – Domain Gates, Auckland, the bronze chief at One Tree Hill and the memorial to Michael Joseph Savage at Bastion Point.

When the memorial was redesigned, the bronze plaques were removed from the original and placed on the pillars of the current memorial. The pillars form a diagonal line, the line of the waka facing north to Spirits Bay and have the waterfalls signifying the tears for those departed. The other pillars are those living left behind.

Whau Bridge Reserve

This small esplanade reserve situated beside the Great North Road bridge where it crosses the Whau, has been home to the West Auckland Radio Club since the 1950's. During WW2 there was an Ack Ack gun in a large deep emplacement on this site, as a defence against the then imminent, Japanese invasion. There were also tank traps in the area in the form of a large log suspended upright on a rope. The original Radio clubrooms were located in a Council depot, where Lynn Mall now stands. The building was relocated to its present site in 1960 with the agreement of Council. The Gees, local plumbers and ardent Radio Club supporters, filled the large gun hole using their truck (damaging the gearbox in doing so) and planted fruit trees and shrubs to give the area a better look.

The large pines on the opposite bank of the reserve were planted in remembrance of WW1 soldiers. (Information supplied by Paul Granger, friend of the Gee family).



Esplanade Reserves

The potential for wharf remains and other archaeological remains such as brickworks, exist in the mangrove areas and tidal flats of the Whau River and Rewarewa Creek foreshores. Earthworks, both legal and otherwise, have been carried out in the riparian margin until recently and may have damaged such archeological evidence. It is important for both cultural and ecological reasons, that further earthworks be minimised and that any construction work carried out in the esplanade reserves be granted consent only after thorough archeological investigation.

Rewarewa Stream

Reference material suggests that there was an unfilled brick pit on each side of the Rewarewa stream. Council records reveal that "in 1976 the Borough Council were "negotiating (successfully) for the acquisition of part of the unfilled brick pit on each side of the Rewarewa Stream for a semi-wilderness park – a project that will develop over a period of years" (Heritage Report). More investigation of this site is warranted to determine its location and potential as a heritage site.

In addition, there is an old brick wall and steps hidden in undergrowth below the Rata Street petrol station in the Rewarewa Esplanade Reserve, this well-constructed feature appears to be the remnant of an old garden entrance and should be retained.

Heritage Trees

The Heritage Assessment for the New Lynn Reserves has highlighted the following significant trees growing in the reserves.

Tree	Location	Values
<i>Cryptomeria elegans</i> <i>Thyopsis dolabrata</i>	Lawson Park Northwestern and Northeastern boundaries	Botanical
<i>Quercis robur</i> <i>Pinus radiata</i>	Ken Maunder Park Whau River boundary Rewarewa Creek boundary	Botanical Scientific
<i>Pinus pinaster</i> significant conifers and other tree species	Rewarewa Esplanade	Cultural - landmark for 90+ years
<i>Callitris rhomboidea</i> <i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i>	Hinau Reserve	Botanical
Pinus species marching into Lynwood Esplanade		Botanical
<i>Metrosideros sp.</i> along the foreshore of the Rewarewa Stream		Commemorative plantings from 1980 (commemorating the Tree Society of New Zealand's Year of the Pohutukawa)
<i>Eucalyptus sp</i> <i>Angophora sp</i>	Boh Hill Reserve (See Appendix 3)	Botanical
<i>Pyrus sp</i>	Willerton Ave Recreational Reserve	Botanical

