

Section 6

Takapau Memorial Sports Park

10. Takapau Sport and Recreation Parks

10.1 Purpose

This document sets out information and the management approach specific to Takapau Memorial Sports Park and Takapau Reserve to recognise the role of these parks as the local sport and recreation parks for Takapau and surrounds. The purpose of the management approach is to identify outcomes and key actions to be undertaken for this Park.

10.2 Background

The Takapau community supports several thriving sports clubs, including tennis, squash, rugby, and the Pony Club. In 2002, the Takapau Memorial Park Sports Association signed an agreement with Council to promote the use of the Takapau Memorial Sports Park for recreational purposes and oversee the maintenance of the grounds and facilities for Council.

The Takapau Memorial Park Sports Association represents rugby, netball, the Pony Club and squash, which are all located on the Takapau Memorial Sports Park. The Takapau Tennis Club is located on the nearby Takapau Reserve. The Takapau Golf Course is also located nearby.

10.3 Takapau Memorial Sports Park



Reserve category	Sport and recreation park – local
Reserve location	Charlotte Street
Area	5.10 ha
Reserves Act classification	Recreation Reserve
Agreements	Agreement in place with Takapau Sports Association
Facilities and use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skateparks half pipe • Takapau Memorial Sports Building and grandstand (Council owned) • The Takapau Squash Club owns the lounge and squash court attached to the end of Council’s building. The Takapau Rugby Club owns the adjacent and standalone changing rooms. The “club rooms” as such are the main building. • 2 x asphalt courts (one good and one in poor condition) • 1 x grass sportsfield • Squash courts (see above) • Equestrian facilities • Used for rugby, squash, netball, pony club

10.4 Takapau Reserve and Cenotaph



Reserve category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve location	Charlotte Street
Area	1.75 ha
Reserves Act classification	Local Purpose Reserve
Agreements	Various historical agreements with sports clubs
Facilities and use	<p>Takapau Tennis Club – clubrooms and 11 tennis courts, 11 courts; 3 astroturf, 6 grass, 2 hardcourts also marked for netball (Club owns all facilities).</p> <p>Site also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> War memorial cenotaph Buildings for the RSA, Lions Club and Scouts (they own all buildings)

10.5 User information (as of February 2022)

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- Takapau Memorial Park Sports Association manages all bookings and use of the park
- Rugby juniors strong. Last year no senior rugby team, but one has started practicing for this year
- Squash membership has experienced some decline
- Pony Club has 42 members

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- Tennis Club membership is 48 + adults/seniors, five youth and 45 junior members. The grass and Astro courts and facilities are only available to club members (or by arrangement). Only the two new hard courts, also painted with netball lines, are open to the community all year around via a combination lock on the main gate. Tennis also serves Flemington, Tikokino, Waipukurau

10.6 Role in the wider sports and recreation network

Takapau Memorial Sports Park, Takapau Reserve and Cenotaph and the Takapau Golf Course are Takapau's local sport and recreation parks, providing a base for sports, events and activities undertaken by the local community and surrounding areas

10.7 Key challenges and opportunities

- The Takapau Community Plan includes an action to engage with Sport Hawke's Bay to ensure clubs are future-focused and sustainable, and to promote and encourage community ownership and support for clubs. The Plan also seeks to understand the local barriers people face, to inform how best to progress opportunities for young people to get involved within the community.

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- Consider potential to add scooter track and basketball hoop to the skate bowl. Possible BMX and skateboard track and play facilities
- Ageing facilities - buildings and netball courts on the Takapau Memorial Sports Park
- Accessibility issues to the public toilets
- Lease arrangements need to be reviewed to recognise variety of different sports clubs involved
- Sportsground needs a water line to run out to the pony area of reserve with a few connections along the way. They currently borrow water from neighbouring farm
- Grandstand building is not fit for purpose including accessibility issues

Takapau Reserve and Cenotaph

- Potential for utilisation of old bowling green site
- Potential location for a dump station with access off Meta Street (Town Reserve)
- Review of lease with tennis club as required

10.8 Management approach

Park specific considerations:

- Recognise the significant role of the Takapau Memorial Park Sports Association and Takapau sports clubs (e.g. tennis and golf) in the management and development of these sport and recreation parks, and support community led processes to determine future aspirations for the park
- Continue as the local sport and recreation parks for Takapau
- Council to work with association and clubs to resolve lease issues across both reserves
- Council to continue to provide an operational grant to the Takapau Memorial Park Sports Association (and they also use grazing for field maintenance)
- Council contractors manage vegetation along the road frontage. Skateparks and furniture in the surrounds are inspected monthly
- Determine options for use of undeveloped areas and an appropriate management approach
- Ensure future facilities for sport, play and active recreation are in visible areas, with passive surveillance from the road
- Takapau Reserve and Cenotaph – potential future site of a public dump station
- Plan for repairs and a longer term replacement/upgrade of the skatepark and courts area on the Takapau Memorial Sports Park

10.9 Wider considerations:

- Role of golf course in contributing to the sport and recreation hub for Takapau (Council owned land and lease in place with Takapau Golf Club)