

# **Section 7**

## **White Domain**

# 11. White Domain, Pōrangahau

## 11.1 Purpose

This document sets out information and the management approach specific to White Domain to recognise its role as the local sport and recreation park for Pōrangahau and surrounds.

The purpose of the management approach is to identify outcomes and key actions to be undertaken for this Park.

## 11.2 Background

Pōrangahau Sports Club are based at White Domain for their training ground and No. 1 field for competition. Floodlights have been provided by the Club. The rescue helicopter pad was built by locals in 2018 to improve health and safety for emergency callouts to the community. Pōrangahau Sports Club own their clubrooms and land which is located on Abercrombie Street. The Club recently added 'Sports' to their name to incorporate all sports in the community and attract more of the community.



<b>Reserve category</b>	Sport and Recreation Park
<b>Reserve location</b>	Dundas Street
<b>Area</b>	7.18 ha
<b>Agreements</b>	Hawke's Bay Helicopter Rescue Trust licence for landing area/equipment. Licence to occupy with Pōrangahau Rugby Club for changing sheds.
<b>Facilities and user groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x grass sportsfields used for rugby</li> <li>• Public toilets and changing sheds</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Helicopter pad</li> <li>• Recycling containers</li> <li>• Pōrangahau netball courts are also used by the local community and are located behind the Pōrangahau Community Hall</li> </ul> <p>Privately-owned Pōrangahau Country Club is located nearby. Multisport facility with a nine-hole golf course, four astro-turf tennis/netball/hockey courts, bowling green, an arts club and a fishing club.</p>

### 11.3 User information (as of February 2022)

- Pōrangahau Sports Club manage all bookings and use of the Park
- Players are locals however most don't live there on a permanent basis, but whakapapa back
- Used for rugby (and football in the past)
- Netball training and competition undertaken in Waipukurau
- Rugby home games played on White Domain
- Rugby training Tuesday/Thursday nights
- Rugby – 1 premier team, 8-9 junior teams and school teams
- Netball use clubrooms as well and travel to Waipukurau for netball training and competition (and further afield)
- Membership increasing, 40 players rotation and netball has 50 that play on rotation
- Club membership is 90 adults/seniors, 20 youth and 100 juniors (11yrs and younger).
- The school comes here to train as most rangatahi play sport. Competition is mostly played in Waipukurau. Children participate in Saturday sport such as netball, hockey, rugby, and soccer, mostly played in Waipukurau. The school participates in the Eastern Zone competition for swimming sports, cross country and athletics. During term time they also enter teams into Central Hawke's Bay competitions, such as Mini Ball, Indoor Hockey and Touch Rugby
- Sheep graze when the fields are not in use

### 11.4 Role in the wider sports and recreation network

White Domain is Pōrangahau's local sport and recreation park, providing a base for sports, events and activities undertaken by the local community and surrounding areas

### 11.5 Key challenges and opportunities

- Very self-sufficient club looking at opportunities for a multi-sport hub - rugby, netball, squash, gym – and exploring other groups that might be interested. Spatial plan being developed for White Domain
- Space is available to further develop and expand facilities
- Potential to consider sale of land where clubrooms are and move base to White Domain as there are building issues with the current site. This would also assist with funding development of a multi-sport hub on White Domain
- Ongoing maintenance and operations challenges. Sportsfields wet and boggy in winter – need for improved drainage
- Concerns about decreasing youth involvement in sport
- Impact of increase in population with holidaymakers on road safety and crossing with children coming to the Park from the school
- Rugby club travel costs are significant when playing away - \$1200 for bus hire. The club sometimes travels as far as Wairoa. Utilise Council travel fund to assist
- Role of Pōrangahau Country Club - Multisport facility with a nine-hole golf course, four astro-turf tennis/netball/hockey courts, bowling green, an arts club and a fishing club. It is considered that these facilities are complementary in terms of the facilities provided, type of use and likely users

### 11.6 Management approach

Park specific considerations:

- Recognise Pōrangahau Sports Club's significant role in management and development of the Park and support community-led processes to determine future aspirations for the Park
- Continue as the local sport and recreation park for Pōrangahau
- Explore and understand hapū aspirations for the site in the long-term
- Council continues to provide maintenance assistance – mowing, toilets, playground
- Clarify the occupation arrangements of the drop off centre and the associated internal levels of service

### 11.7 Wider considerations:

Any further development needs to take into consideration the future of courts located behind the Pōrangahau Memorial Hall and netball demand for training, and be complementary to facilities provided by Pōrangahau Country Club.