

3.8 ROY WESTON WALK

3.8.1 DESCRIPTION

Roy Weston Walk is a grassed area situated off Porritt Drive between Lyn Hartley Reserve and Firmin Field. Running alongside the Tarawera River, it forms part of the walkway from the Kawerau Golf Course to the Waterwheel Heritage Park.

3.8.2 HISTORY

Originally the Roy Weston Walk and adjoining Lyn Hartley Reserve were part of the reserve called the Ward Street Reserve. In June 1999, Council resolved to develop a memorial feature in recognition of the Community contribution made by Mr Weston, who had recently passed away. Through discussion with Mr Weston's family and a long time friend it was decided that a seat, plaque and bird-attractive planting at the site along the Tarawera River was thought to be appropriate.

3.8.3 STATUS

Roy Weston Walk is vested in, and administered by Council. The Park is a Recreation Reserve as defined by the Reserves Act 1977.

The legal description is: Allot 552 Matata Parish.

Roy Weston Walk is approximately 1.835 hectares in size. It is zoned Reserve under Council's District Plan.

3.8.4 POLICIES

Landscape Character

1. The relaxed and informal nature of the reserve shall be retained.
2. Grounds maintenance shall be to a standard appropriate to the various recreational uses of the reserve.
3. The semi-wilderness character of the river embankment shall be maintained.

Vegetation

1. Planting shall be with tree species complementary to the character of the Walk.
2. Sound horticultural techniques shall be applied in the management of the Walk's vegetation.

Access/Parking

1. Roy Weston Walk is a designated dog exercise area.
2. Access into the reserve shall be maintained.
3. The track along the Tarawera River from the Kawerau Golf Course to the Waterwheel Heritage Park shall be maintained in a semi-wilderness state for walking access.