

3.6 PAT BAKER RESERVE

3.6.1 DESCRIPTION

The Pat Baker Reserve is a flat, grassed area which forms part of the utility reserve known as the Dump Reserve. Bordered by River Road and the overflow stream, Pat Baker Reserve provides an attractive frontage to the Dump Reserve.

3.6.2 HISTORY

The Pat Baker reserve was named by Council in July 1996 after River Road resident and long serving Councillor Pat Baker. Mr Baker lived opposite the reserve and took a personal interest in its beautification and maintenance. Councillor Baker was still a serving Councillor when the reserve was named, which was a source of some controversy at the time.

Once the site of Kawerau's refuse landfill, the Dump Reserve is still the location of Council's water supply pumphouse and in recent years has also housed a refuse transfer and recycling collection facility.

3.6.3 STATUS

Pat Baker Reserve is vested in, and administered by Council. It is part of the Dump Reserve, which is a Utility Reserve as defined by the Reserves Act 1977. The legal description of the Dump Reserve is: Allot 499 Matata Parish SO 44228

Pat Baker Reserve is approximately 2500 m² in size. It is zoned Reserve under Council's District Plan.

3.6.4 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.

Vegetation

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

Access/Parking

1. Pat Baker Reserve is a designated dog exercise area.
2. Access into the reserve shall be maintained.