

Fearon Park

Management Plan

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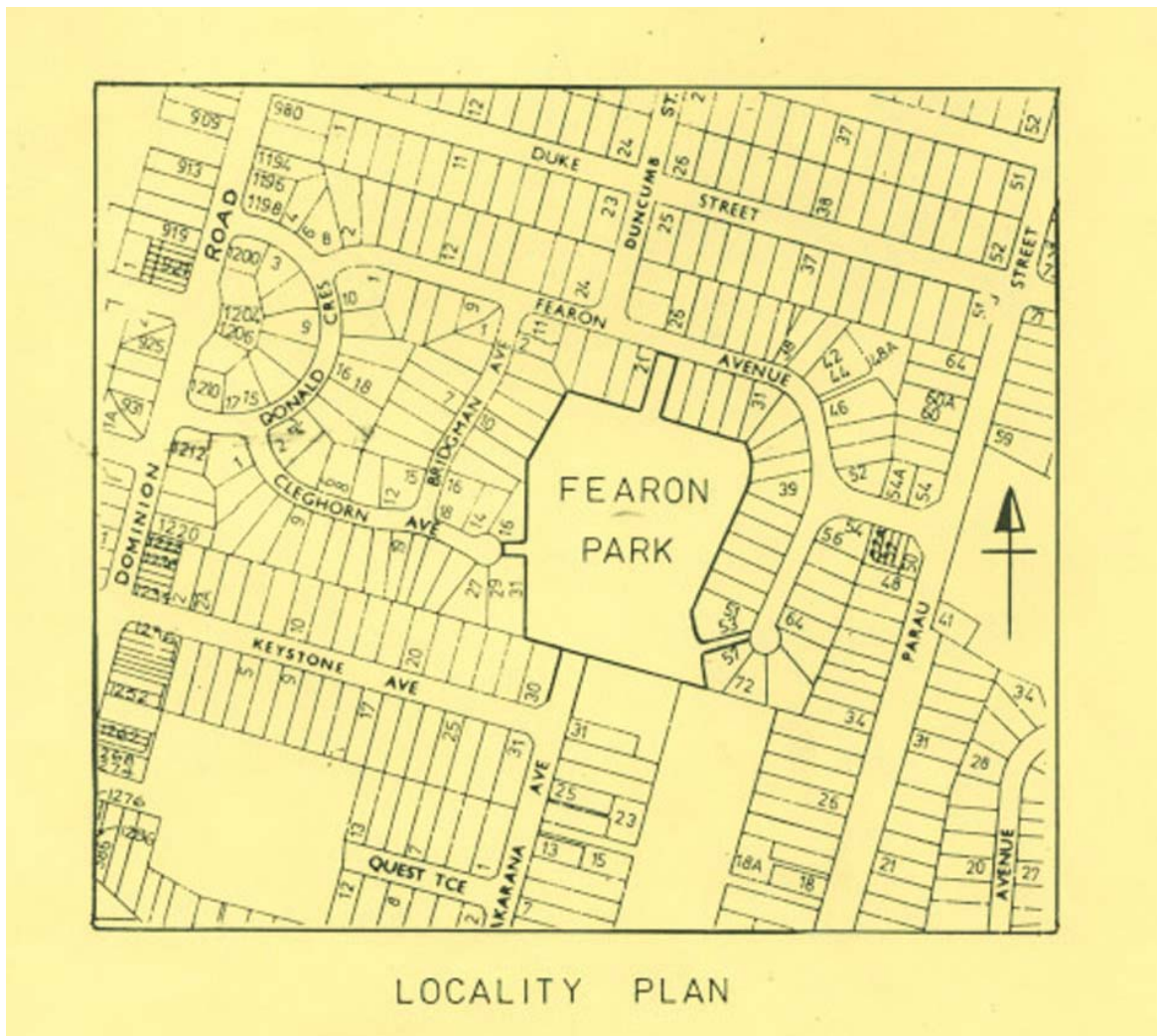
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1.0 Background Information

1.0 Legal Description

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The reserve comprises 2.6580 hectares and was originally part of a large block subdivided by the Crown for housing. It was declared a Public Domain and part of the Mt Roskill Domain in 1954 (NZ Gazette p. 1142).



1.2 Classification and Zoning

The reserve is classified “Recreation” and zoned “Recreation Rec. 2” under the operative District Scheme.

1.3 Description

The reserve lies between Keystone Avenue and Fearon Avenue. It has legal street frontage to Akarana Avenue but the road reserve forms part of a car parking area and no vehicle access into the reserve is possible.

Two pedestrian access lots lead to Fearon Avenue and an access lot allowing vehicle access for service vehicles run to Cleghorn Avenue.

The south-western corner of the reserve adjoins the Harold Long Reserve, occupied by the Mt Roskill Bowling Club and a staircase provides access from the greens into the reserve. Further west the reserve adjoins the Mt Roskill Rugby Football Club clubrooms. The building comprises 1200 square meters and includes two large halls, changing rooms, ambulance room and canteen. Adjoining the southern boundary of the reserve is a car park for 120 cars, predominantly on land owned by the Rugby Club and partially on street reserve.

The reserve is flat and accommodates two floodlit rugby fields in winter and three softball diamonds in summer.

A concrete block building incorporating changing rooms and toilets stands midway along the western boundary of the reserve.

1.4 Uses

The playing fields have in recent years been allocated to the Auckland Rugby Union for Saturday competition, and to the Mt Roskill Rugby Football Club for weekday practice.

In summer the softball diamonds are allocated to the Fearon Falcons Softball Club (previously known as Childswear Softball Club).

The toilets adjoining the club building are available for public use at all times.

2.0 Objectives

- To encourage and facilitate the use of the reserve for a variety of organised sporting activities, and for informal use by the general public.
- To maintain the reserve as attractive open space in a built up area.

3.0 Policies

3.1 Buildings

- (a) The Council will lease the pavilion to the Fearon Falcons Softball Club.
- (b) The public toilets will be included in the leased area on condition that they be made available for public use at weekends during the softball season.
- (c) No additional buildings or additions to the existing building will be permitted on the reserve.
- (d) Council will encourage the Softball Club towards the upgrading of the pavilion.

3.2 Access

- (a) No vehicle access onto the reserve will be permitted other than Parks Department or service vehicles.

3.3 Use of Field

- (a) The playing fields will continue to be allocated each season between the various sporting codes for regular competition use and to individual clubs for practice.
- (b) No use of floodlighting will be permitted after 9:30pm.

3.4 Improvements

- (a) Council's standard sign will be provided at all entrances to the reserve.

- (b) Council will continue its programming of planting and the provision of seating.

3.5 Leases

- (a) Council will require the Fearon Falcons Softball Club Inc to hold a lease within the terms of the Reserves Act 1977 for the building on Fearon Park.
- (b) The lease will be for a term of 10 years. The known performance of a lessee will be assessed before a renewal for a similar term is allowed.
- (c) Provisions relating to the maintenance of buildings to a high standard will be incorporated in the lease and Council will ensure that these are complied with.
- (d) A condition “that no lessee shall make application for an ancillary liquor licence” will be included in all leases. A condition prohibiting sub-letting for private social functions will be included in all leases.
- (e) Provision to restrict hours of operation will be included in all leases.

3.6 Administration

The operative district scheme provides that any use shown in an operative Management Plan is a predominant use. Any proposal for further development will be dealt with as a conditional use as indicated in Policy 1. Any such application will be dealt with by a combined Parks Committee and Town Planning Hearings Committee in order to streamline administrative procedures while retaining public rights of objection and appeal.