

**Hillsborough Park Reserve**  
Management Plan, April 1989

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## **Part 1: Background Information**

### **1.1 Legal Description**

The Hillsborough Reserve has a total area of 1.7979 hectares.

Lot 18 and 9 Block XIII DP 733A

Lot 18 DP 28714

The Mount Roskill Borough Council is the administering body of the reserve.

### **1.2 Classification under the Reserves Act 1977:**

“Recreation”

Section 17 (1) of the Reserves Act 1977 states that recreation reserves shall have the general purpose of “providing areas for recreation and sporting activities and enjoyment of the public..”

### **1.3 Zoning**

The reserve is zoned as Recreation 2 in the Second Reviewed District Scheme; a zone catering predominantly for active organised recreation.

### **1.4 Access**

The reserve has direct street frontage to Carlton Street and vehicular access from that street to the parking area. A footpath runs through the reserve from Carlton Street to the Hillsborough Primary School.

### **1.5 Description**

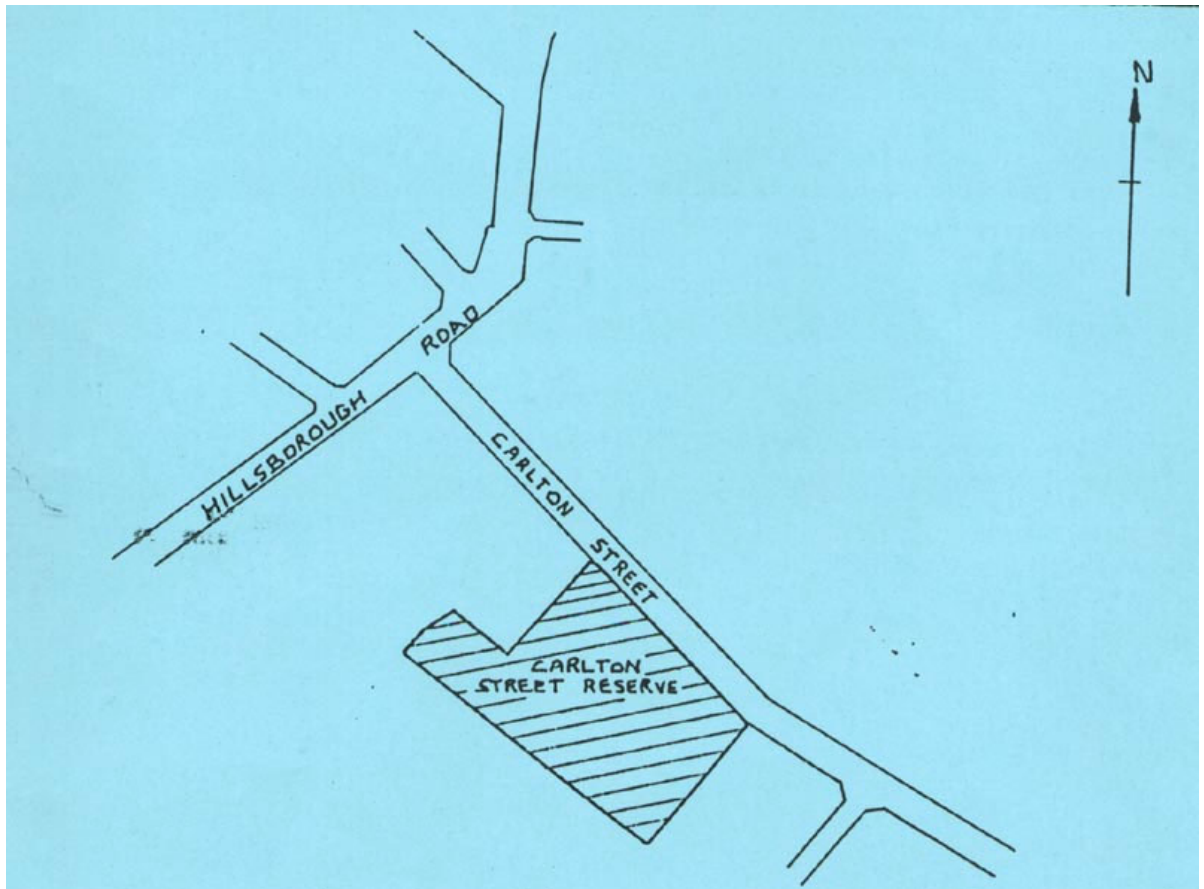
The main part of the reserve is a level field, athletic track and pits. Parking for 40 cars runs along the street frontage.

In the western corner is an additional lot where a small storage shed and toilets are sited. Behind this building, the land which has been filled with trees previously on the site, falls away to the north-east.

Along the street boundary runs a row of Acmena trees and a row of Macrocarpa trees runs along the north-western boundary. The boundary between the reserve and the school is well planted with a variety of exotic trees. A variety of trees and shrubs have been planted along the south-eastern boundary and on the small additional lot.

Adjoining land uses are residential except for the Hillsborough Primary School to the South.





**Figure 1 Locality Plan**

### **1.6 Uses**

The field is regularly used in winter as a training field by a number of teams. In summer it is used by the Hillsborough Junior Athletic Club for evening practise and some Saturday competition.

The reserve is also used for casual recreation by local residents.

### **1.7 History**

The earliest subdivision plans –1898- show the land set out as a square surrounded by residential properties.

In 1929 Lots 9, 18 and 26 were set apart as a Public Domain, subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act 1908 and named Hillsborough Square Domain.

In 1939 Lot 18 DP28714, which forms part of the south-western corner of the reserve, was vested in the Crown as a recreation reserve.

In 1961 Lot 26 DP 733A, an additional square on the south-eastern corner of the reserve was removed from the reserve and sold for residential use.

In 1962 the Hillsborough Square Domain was incorporated into the Mount Roskill Domain, and was administered by the Mount Roskill Domain Board until 1977.

The reserve was levelled and the field laid by Council staff in 1956. The Council also supplied a building for use as changing rooms for the Hillsborough Rugby Football Club, the Hillsborough Amateur Athletic Club, and the Hillsborough Cricket Club. The row of Acmena trees was planted and paid for by residents of Carlton Street at that time.

In 1970 the storage shed was moved from the site opposite the Three Kings Reserve, now a rose garden, to replace a previous building used by the Athletics Club which had been destroyed by fire.

In 1971 the floodlighting was installed and in 1974 the parking area was formed and sealed.

In 1977 the field was closed for the winter season and extensive drainage laid in the field.

## **Part 2 Objectives**

2.1 To encourage and facilitate the use of the reserve for a variety of organised sporting activities.

2.2 To maintain the Reserve as open space and minimise the encroachment of buildings, roading and parking areas.

2.3 To develop and maintain the reserve to be a place of character and beauty and encourage its informal use by the general public.

2.4 To allow the fullest public use of the reserve while minimising any possible conflict between various activities on the reserve and between reserve uses and adjoining residential properties.

## **Part 3 Policies**

### **3.1 Building**

Amenity building with changing rooms and toilet facilities to serve all users of the reserve may be sited.

Any new building will be a replacement for the existing building, will be generally in the same location, and will be no larger than 150m<sup>2</sup>.

Any new building will be constructed of good materials and sympathetically designed in relation to the surrounding area.

### **3.2 Access and Parking**

No additional accessways will be permitted onto or through the reserve.

No additional off-street parking will be permitted.

### **3.3 Use of Field**

The playing field will continue to be allocated to the various clubs for practice and competition. The maintenance of the field will continue under the supervision of the Parks Superintendent.

The winter season will end in the last week of September and the summer season will open the third Wednesday in October unless otherwise determined by the Parks Superintendent.

### **3.4 Floodlighting**

The existing floodlights are to be repositioned as shown on the outline Development Plan (Appendix I).

There will be no use of floodlighting after 9.30pm.

### **3.5 Drainage**

Further work to improve drainage on the field will be undertaken as and when finance becomes available.

### **3.6 Seating**

To increase public enjoyment of the reserve by the provision of seating, sheltered from wind and sun.

### **3.7 Playground Equipment**

To encourage local use of the reserve, children’s play equipment catering for both pre-school and older children shall be erected on the reserve; generally as shown on the attached plan.

To minimise risk of traffic safety problems, Council shall undertake more dense planting or the erection of a low barrier fence or similar to denote the northern “boundary” of the playground. Adequate seating shall be provided to encourage parents to utilise the playground also.

### **3.8 Signs**

A sign identifying the reserve will be provided on the Carlton Street frontage.

# Appendix 1 Reserve Development Plan

