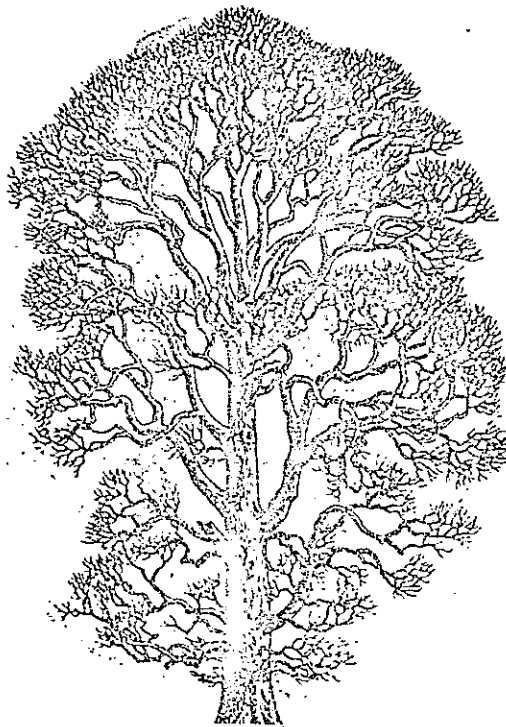


FRANKLIN COUNTY

COUNCIL

MANAGEMENT PLAN



Matakawau Domain

MATAKAWAU DOMAIN

APPROVED
MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION:

1.1 LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Allot 183, 228, 229 and part allot 194, Lot 1 D.P. 40719
Awhitu Parish.

Total Area: 25.3655 hectares Valuation Number 3710/384

1.2 LOCATION:

Matakawau Domain is located at Matakawau and is made up of two blocks; one on Awhitu Road, and the other on Matakawau Road.

1.3 ACCESS:

Access to Allotments 228, 229 and lot 1 D.P. 40719 is directly off Awhitu Road.

Access to Allot 183 and Part Allotment 194 is directly off Matakawau Road.

1.4 CONTOUR:

The area of the reserve off Awhitu Road is flat and is developed into playing fields.

The area off Matakawau Road drops steeply from the road down to swamp land.

The area at the eastern end of the reserve which is leased has a flat area of pasture just off Matakawau Road and then slopes steeply to the south into swamp land.

1.5 GROUND COVER:

The portion of the reserve off Matakawau Road contains four different types of forest or bush:

1. Pine forest
2. Kauri - podocarp - hardwood forests.
3. Scrub
4. Swampy scrub.

The Kauri - podocarp - hardwood forest covers approximately 4.5 hectares at the western end of this area and contains some stands of pure kauri as well as Totara and Rimu.

The under storey contains kawa kawa, mahoe and tree ferns with a good ground cover of ferns.

The pine forest located in the middle of the brush area and contains approximately 10.5 hectares and is basically just pine trees with bracken and scrub inter spread through it.

The rest of this area is covered in swamp and scrub with the major species present being manuka, manigiringi and coprosma species.

The swamp area is ringed by manuku and contains raupe and flax plus other swamp flora.

Along the roadside near the old school site the Olearia species can be found as well as bracken and mingimingi.

The area of the reserve leased (approximately 4 hectares) is in poor pasture with scattered pine trees and clumps of gorse and blackberry.

1.6 ADJOINING LAND:

The reserve is bounded on the western and southern sides by developed and semi-developed farmland.

On the eastern and northern sides are the Awhitu and Matakawau Roads respectively. On the north-eastern corner the reserve is divided by the Awhitu District School.

Located off Matakawau Road in the centre of the reserve is an old school site which is classified as a Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation and County Depot) and contains 9181m². It is of flat contour and its use is in conjunction with that of the Domain. There appears to be no need to purchase additional land at this time.

2. HISTORICAL:

The reserve was created in the early 1930's. In 1940 Allot 183 was offered to Council for control by the then Domain Board and Council took control of this area in 1943.

The Department of Lands and Survey offered the control of allotment 194 to Council in 1950 and at that time was gazetted as a plantation reserve. Council took control of this area in 1951 as well as Allotment 172 an old school site.

In 1958 Allotment 194 was finally gazetted as the Matakawau Domain.

About this time a refuse tip was set up on the eastern side of the school site..

In 1959 as a consequence of road straightening of Awhitu Road Allotments 228 and 229 were added to the Domain.

Between 1965 and 1968 the pine trees were progressively removed and milled with the prior approval of the Department of Lands and Survey.

Allotment 183 and a section of Allotment 194 (approximately 11 hectares in all) was fenced off in 1972 and leased to a neighbouring farmer for grazing purposes. The remaining area cleared of pines was left to regenerate for future milling.

The Manukau Peninsula Playcentre group was given permission to use a portion of Lot 1 D.P. 40719 in 1972 and a building was sited for their use.

A public toilet block was erected on the Awhitu Road boundary in 1977.

In 1978 the Pollock Scout Group were given permission to set up a "Scout Den" behind the playcentre building.

The Scout group later developed short walking tracks through the

In 1980 the area of Lot 1 D.P. 40719 which contains the playcentre and Scout Den were classified as Local Purpose reserve (Play centre - Scouting Activities) while the remainder was classified Recreation Reserve.

Early in 1982 the refuse tip was closed and areas of pine forest damaged by the presence of the tip replanted in pines.

3. USE:

The area off Awhitu Road has playing fields developed on it as well as public toilets and the playcentre and Scout Den.

The facilities are used on a regular basis by the local community.

The use of the area off Matakawau Road by the public is negligible at the present time. The local school and scout group carry out studies of the native bush area from time to time.

The eastern end of the reserve is leased for grazing purposes for a five year term expiring 31 December 1989 (approximately hectares).

4. TENURE:

With the exception of Allotment 172 the land is owned by the Crown and vested in the control of Council. Allotment 172 is held in fee simple by Council.

5. OBJECTIVES:

To maintain the area off Awhitu Road in its present form and uses.

To preserve the native bush area and to encourage regeneration so that as far as possible the area will provide for scenic and educational purposes a typical example of bush that once covered this part of the country.

To maintain and manage the pine forest so that a saleable crop of timber can be realised at the appropriate time.

6. POLICIES:

6.1 FENCING:

The reserve is generally well fenced apart from there being no fence from the school property along Matakawau Road to the old dump site.

These will be maintained in good repair and if the need arises a fence will be erected along Matakawau Road.

6.2 FACILITIES:

At present there are public toilets just off Awhitu Road, playing fields developed for cricket and hockey and the playcentre and scout den buildings. These meet the present needs of the area with the Matakawau Community Centre being opposite and the school grounds adjacent. There appears to be no need for any future development at this time.

6.3 VEHICLE ACCESS:

Vehicle Access to both areas of the reserve is directly off Awhitu Road and Matakawau Road. The internal road to the Playcentre and Scout Den does require some minor maintenance.

6.4 PARKING:

Parking to the area off Awhitu Road is adequate and meets the present needs.

SIGNS:

At present signs indicate where the Playcentre and Scout Den are as well as the War Memorial signs at the entrance to the playing fields area. Further signs will be erected as the need arises and shall be to a standard design to be used on all reserves and kept to a minimum consistent with the need to provide information about features of the reserve.

6.5 TRACKS:

There is very little public use of the bush area of the reserve and the need for more formed tracks is not required at present. If use of the reserve increases tracks will be formed to an approved standard.

6.6 REFUSE:

There is no evidence of refuse in or near the area of the reserve off Awhitu Road.

6.7 PINE PLANTATION:

The portion of pine plantation containing trees of 15 years old will be thinned and pruned so as to obtain good saw logs in 7-10 years time. The balance of the area planted in 1982/83 will be released, manured and pruned to obtain post and rail logs at the same time the mature area is felled. Council resumed occupation of an area of steep contour in 1984 and this has now been planted in pines.

6.8 LEASED AREA:

The area at present leased is of poor pasture.

6.9 PEST AND PLANT CONTROL:

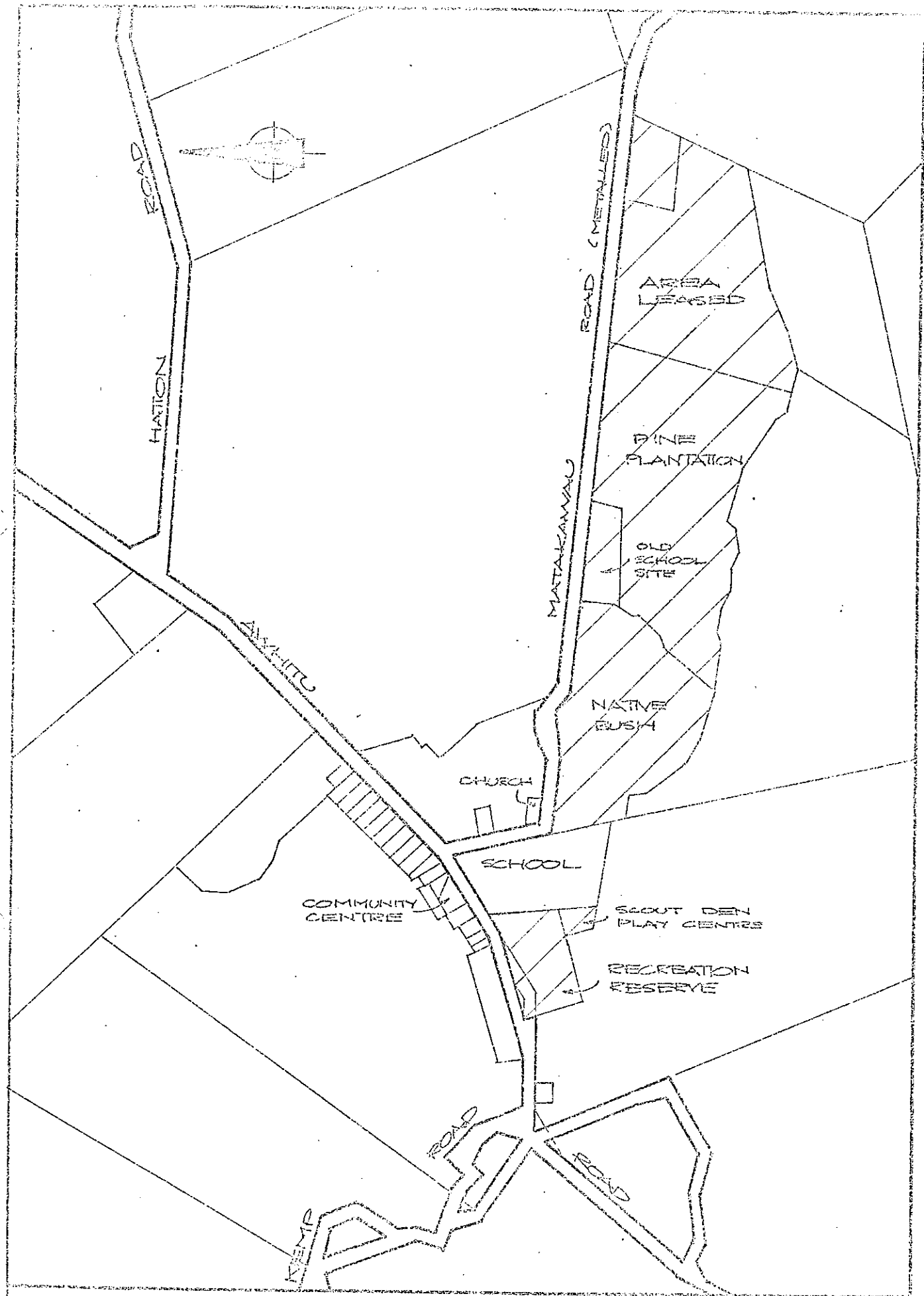
Regular Inspections will be made to ensure that all noxious plants are controlled and the appropriate steps taken to eliminate or control animal pests.

6.10 VOLUNTEERS:

Whenever practicable or necessary voluntary assistance with development and maintenance of the reserve will be encouraged.

7. APPROVED MANAGEMENT PLAN:

This management plan was adopted by the Franklin County Council on 26th September 1985.



MATAKAWAU DOMAIN RECREATION RESERVE.

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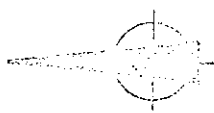
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SCHOOL

HAR
MENZIE
GATES

TOILETS

ACCESS

PLAY CENTRE
SITE.

SCOUT
DEN
SITE

AMPHITHEATRE

PLAYING FIELD

ROAD
(SEMI-PAVED)

PART MATAKAWAU DOMAIN RECREATION RESERVE

SCALE: 1:1000

DRAWN: CR

DATE: DEC 82

APPROVED:

MATAKAWAU DOMAIN - MATAKAWAU ROAD

Species Present:

Trees and Shrubs:

Kauri	- <i>Agathis australis</i>
Totara	- <i>Podocarpus totara</i>
Mingimingi	- <i>Cyathodes fasciculata</i>
Manuka	- <i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>
Mahoe	- <i>Melicytus ramiflorous</i>
Mapou	- <i>Myrsine australis</i>
Raewarewa	- <i>Knightia excelsa</i>
Lancewood	- <i>Psuedopanax crassifolius</i>
Hangehange	- <i>Geniostoma ligustrifolium</i>
Pigeonwood	- <i>Hedycarya arborea</i>
Rimu	- <i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i>
Neinei	- <i>Dracophyllum latifolium</i>
Putaputaweta	- <i>Carpodetus serratus</i>
Taraire	- <i>Beilschmedia taraire</i>
Cabbage Tree	- <i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i>
Fivefinger	- <i>Psuedopanax arboreus</i>
Hall's Totara	- <i>Podocarpus hallii</i>
Toru	- <i>Persoonia toru</i>
Maire hau	- <i>Phebalium nudum</i>
Leafy Coprosma	- <i>Coprosma parviflora</i>
Common Tree Daisy	- <i>Olearia arborescens</i>
Karamu	- <i>Coprosma robusta</i>
Common Mingimingi	- <i>Cyathodes juniperina</i>
Tanekaha	- <i>Phyllocladus trichomanoides</i>
Toatoa	- <i>Phyllocladus glaucus</i>
Karamu	- <i>Coprosma lucida</i>
Akepiro	- <i>Olearia furfacea</i>
Pohutakawa	- <i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>
Mangeao	- <i>Litsea calicaris</i>
Round-leaved Coprosma	- <i>Coprosma rotundifolia</i>
Orihou	- <i>Psudeopanax colensoi</i>
Mamangi	- <i>Coprosma arborea</i>
Thin-leaved Coprosma	- <i>Coprosma areolata</i>
Rangiora	- <i>Brachyglottis repanda</i>
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Leather-leaf Fern
Hanging Spleenwort
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Katote
Pakauroharoha
Shining spleenwort
Sweet Fern
Kiokio
Hounds Tongue Fern
Nini
Pikopiko

- Pteridium aquilinum
- Cyathea medullaris
- Pyrossia serpens
- Asplenium flaccidum
- Adiantum cunninghamii
- Cyathea dealbata
- Cyathea smithii
- Cyclosorus penniger
- Asplenium lucidum
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- Blechnum capense
- Microsorium diversifolium
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- Polystichum richardii

Lianes:

Supplejack
Clinging Rata's
Lawyer

- Ripogonum scandens
- Metrosideros spp.
- Rubus australis

Club Mosses:

Waewae-koukou
Tree Club Moss

- Lycopodium volubile
- Lycopodium densum

Grasses etc:

Turutu/Blueberry
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Raupo
Flax

- Dianella intermedia
- Carex geminata
- Typha muelleri
- Phormium tenax

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Matakawau Road

grass

To be planted in pine 1984

planted in pine 1982

mature pines

native bush

school

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PINE PLANTATION

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DRAWN:

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The pine forest covers three-quarters of the reserve and is basically just pine trees with bracken and scrub interspersed through it. Tree ferns are also present in some areas of the forest.

The Kauri-podocarp-hardwood forest covers about one eighth of the reserve and contains some stands of pure Kauri as well as Totara and Rimu. The understory of this area contains Kawakawa, mahoe and treeferns with a good ground-cover of ferns. The Kauris present in this area are mainly small, but there are three or four fairly large trees present and these should be protected.

The rest of the reserve is covered with scrub and swamp with the major species being manuku, mingimingi and coprosma species. The swamp area is ringed by manuka and contains raupo and flax plus other swamp flora.

Along the roadside border of the reserve can be found the Olearia species as well as bracken and mingimingi.

The scrub areas in the reserve are completely impenetrable and the only way to get through is by a path that runs from the road through the scrub to the bottom of the reserve. In the Kauri forest itself it is easier to move because the undergrowth is not as thick. Paths have been made through the forest that lead from the nearby school into the bush and out again. These paths are fairly well made and have been cut into the bank in places, with improvement these paths would be very useful to the public.

Matakawau Domain (Scenic Reserve) is situated on Matakawau Road and is twenty-two hectares in area. The reserve is a broad strip that runs along the side of the road and slopes from the road down to a swamp and creek at the bottom. A school is situated at the western end, a "depot site" in the middle and the local tip at the eastern end.

The reserve is well fenced around all three sides bordering farmland, but is not fenced at all along the road. There is no fence around the tip or the "depot site" and thus these areas are not defined from the reserve itself.

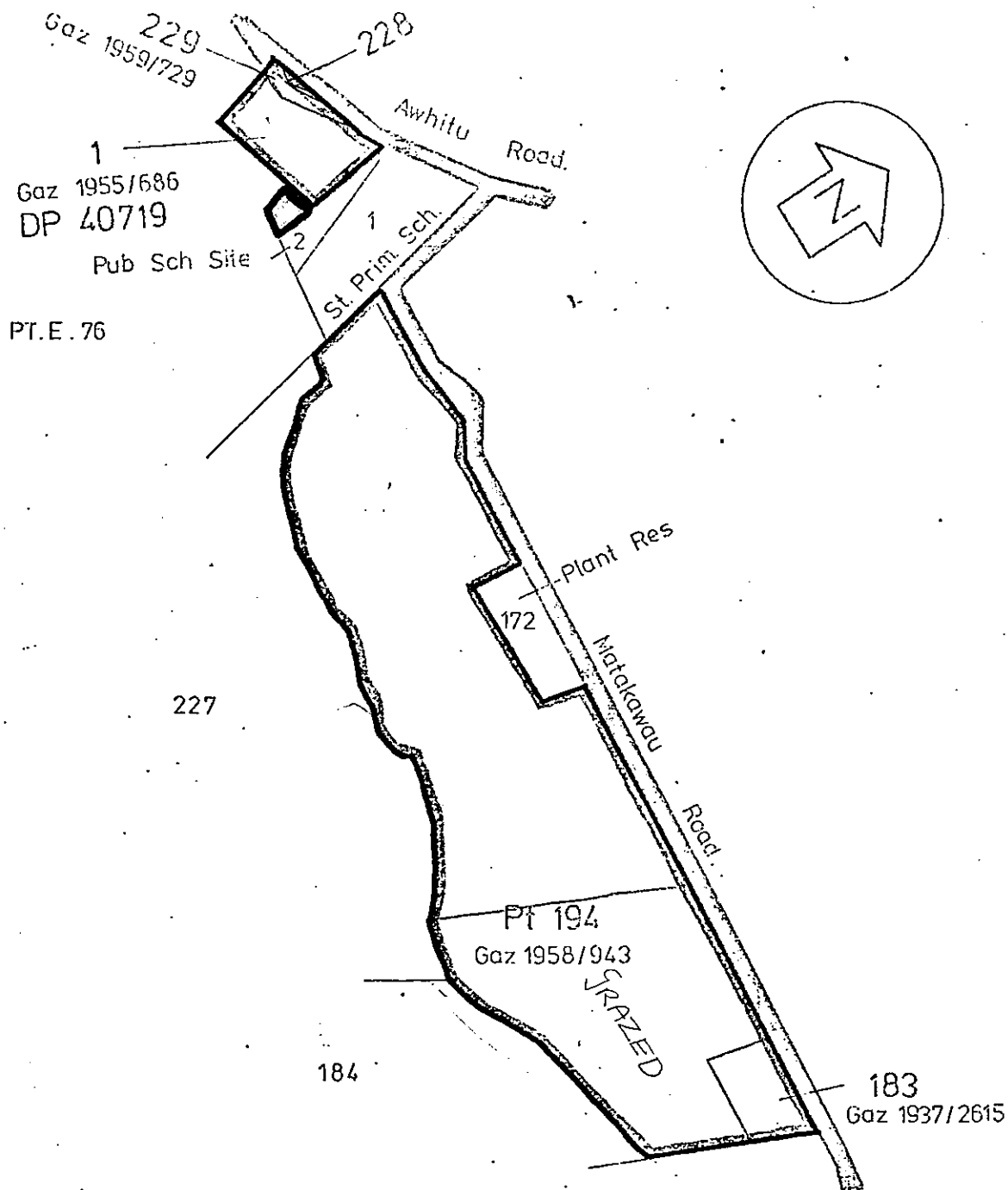
Along the road the land drops away very steeply down into the reserve and in some areas debris from when the road was graded has been pushed down the bank. This destroyed some of the plants holding the bank together but new growth is taking over to stabilise the loose soil.

A major problem concerning the reserve is the rubbish tip at the eastern end of the reserve. The tip has been very badly managed and the rubbish is not being dumped in any particular way. Rubbish is being dumped down a steep drop into the reserve and as such trees and undergrowth are being damaged. The tip is getting bigger and bigger and taking up land set aside for the reserve. Loose rubbish is also being blown around the area and making the place look very untidy. The tip needs a good management plan to control the dumping of rubbish and stop the reserve being damaged.

Along the western border of the reserve are large areas of gorse which is gradually invading the scrub in the reserve. If the gorse is not controlled it could get out of hand and destroy large areas of native bush and scrub.

This reserve should be looked after because of the good examples of Kauri forest present in it. These areas should be the focal point of the reserve and as such should be well protected. The reserve contains a valuable piece of land and this should be looked after for use in later years.

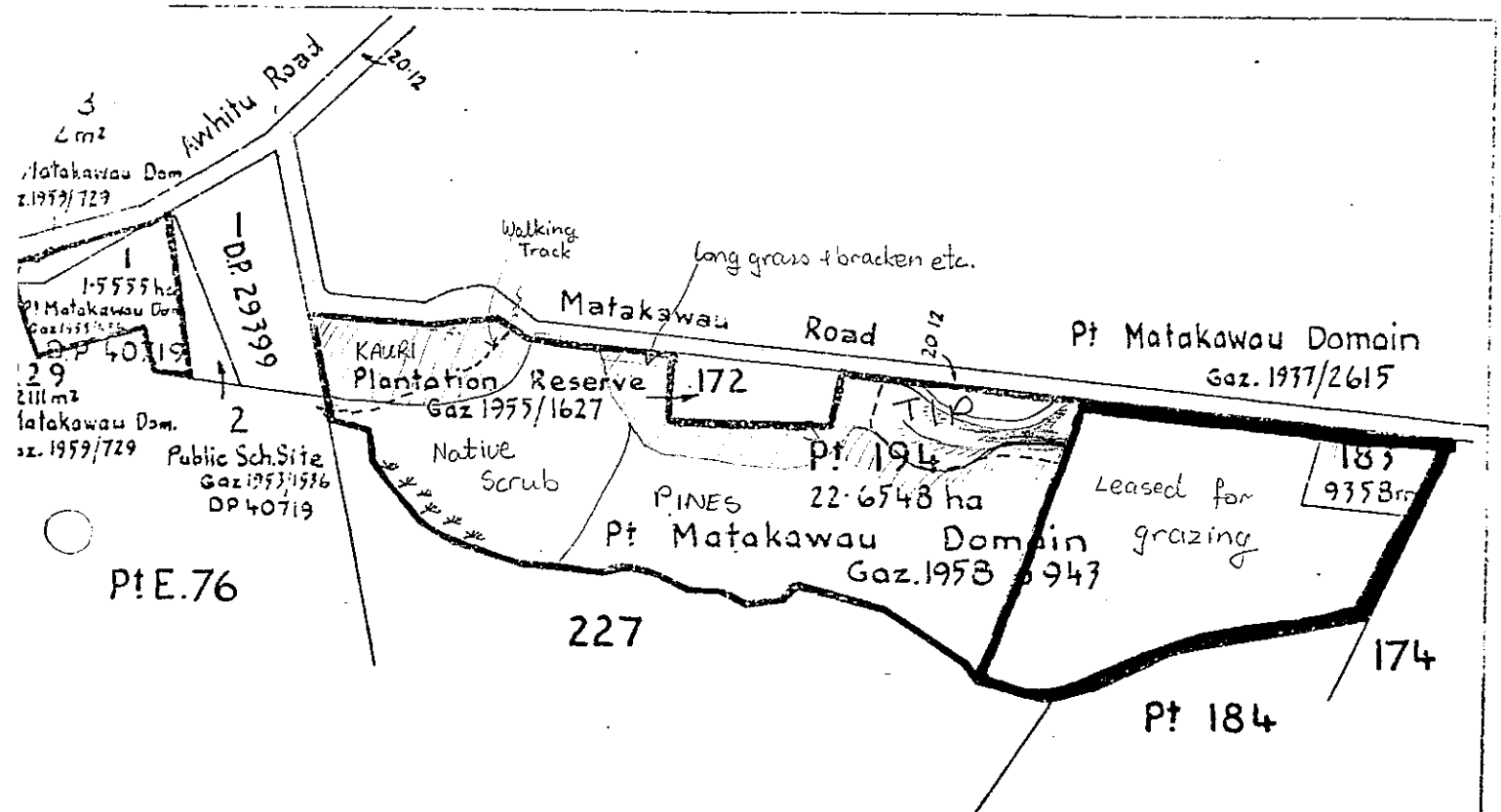
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Land to be classified

	Local Purpose.
	Recreation Reserve.

Plan of Matakawau Domain being Allot 183, 228, 229,
Pt Allot 194, Lot 1, DP 40719 Awhitu Parish.
Total Area: 25.3755 ha.



- ☐ Area to be leased for grazing to R.D. Monteith (8.9030 ha. approx.)
 - ☐ Matakawau Domain
 - ☐ Total Area = 25.3754 ha
- Subject to Survey

Plan of
 Lot 1 D.P. 40719, being Pt Allot E.76.
 Allots 172, 183, 194, 228 and 229
 Awhitu Parish