

These are extracts from documents and give an indication of the effort applied, and the difficulties they encountered in trying to turn the area into a bowling green.

1972

BOWLING GREEN: A vote was taken on the principle of establishing a bowling green and this was carried by 16 votes for and 9 against. The Engineer was asked to investigate sites with a local committee interested in the proposal.

1985

Recreation. Two sections at the back of Mrs Rawcliffes residence in Wainui St, have been purchased by the Committee. It is proposed to use portion of these sections to provide a bowling green. The sections have been cleared of lupin and it is intended to level them in the near future.

1986

Recreation Area. Three sections are being purchased by the Council to provide a recreation area in the settlement. The sections are at the back of ones in Takakai and Wainui Street and access to the sections is from a right of way between Mrs Rawcliffe and Miss Mainwrights property in Wainui St. It is the intention of the Council to level the sections and use portion of the area as an outdoor bowling green. The Council will be able to have the use of County machinery when the subdivision is completed, and the machinery will be used to level portion of the sections. Work on making a bowling green will probably extend over two or three years and will be the next major project.

1987

The three sections your Council purchased for future development have been levelled for a recreation area. Unfortunately the levelling was completed much later than was intended, which caused a few problems.

RECREATION AREA.

Owing to the late levelling completed at the end of October, we never had a chance to put some dirt on top of the area to try and stop sand blow, so Massey College recommended we sow grass seed and keep it well watered. Unfortunately, the day after sowing, we struck a strong nor wester and we lost a lot of new seed. But with the continual watering some seed came up, and with the wet sand, stopped our sections finishing up on Wainui Street. At this point I must thank all those who helped with the watering. Bill Cornish for the use of his water bore and time, Ray Vicars for the loan of his water pump, Martin Pritchard for wiring up the power to the pump and installing a time switch. Special thanks must go to Arnold Nation for the loan of his sprinklers, alkathine pipe, and fittings.

During the watering, the half horsepower motor burnt out and Arnold at his own expense, brought us a new motor (approximately \$300.00), so the watering would not stop. Also we thank him for all the time he has spent watering and doing running repairs on the gear and with Eddie Ramsdales help sowing seed etc.

1987

BOWLING GREEN AREA.

There will be a Meeting on Monday 1 June 1987 at 10 a.m. at the Koiitiata Community Hall for all to discuss the viability and costs of any future development on the area. This concerns everybody, so please attend.