

STAFF REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board
FROM: Reserves Manager
REFERENCE: P100
DATE: 27 November 2009
SUBJECT: Motueka Cemetery - Natural Burial Area

PURPOSE

To inform the committee about the Natural Burial area at Motueka Cemetery.

BACKGROUND

As a result of submissions to the Annual Plan staff were requested to allocate and prepare sites in Motueka, Spring Grove and Rototai Cemeteries to accommodate Natural Burials.

Natural Burials are those where nature's own processes do their work, no embalment is carried out, burial is at single depth, non pollutant caskets and or burial shrouds are used and the areas are then planted with native plants.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Motueka Cemetery was the first cemetery selected as it's the most central and there is significant native planting being carried out adjacent to the selected site.

The site meets all the requirements for this type of burial and will blend in with both the formal and natural areas of the cemetery.

The attached map is the long term plan, with the highlighted area being stage one.

This area is currently being surveyed and plotted; the road and walkway installation work will be carried out shortly.

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Reserves Manager

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