

Park bears her name

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With a smile and a shovel former New Plymouth city councillor Audrey Gale stands on the ground which now bears her name.

The New Plymouth woman and her grandson Stephen Gale planted a Puriri tree at a dedication ceremony today to rename the Old Water Works Reserve at Merrilands the Audrey Gale Park.

About 40 people attended the ceremony, held on a new lookout built at the top the site.

"It's an honour and quite an emotional time," says Mrs Gale.

The council has dedicated the reserve to Mrs Gale because of her outstanding community contribution.

She was a New Plymouth city councillor for 21 years, serving as parks and recreation committee chairman from 1965 to 1977 when much of the park development was put in place.

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