

# VISION THAT SAVED AREA OF NATURAL BEAUTY

LOFTY rimus and giant ratas tower above the many other native trees and ferns in the 166 acres of native bush reserve in the Inglewood district known as Everett Park. This beautiful reserve might not exist today had it not been for foresight and swift action by admirers of native flora and fauna early this century when attempts were made to have part of the area felled to improve access to the Waitai district, east of the park.

Today the bush, coloured by the autumn tints, and, in season, by patches of red from rata flowers, is safe from destruction, as it forms part of the area controlled by the Inglewood District Reserves Board, which altogether administers over 180 acres of reserves, and no part of these can be destroyed or sold.

Thus the Everett Park area will remain, with the many others throughout the province, a protected part of the bush and a sanctuary for native birds, for here the calls of the bell bird and the pukeko, rather than those of the

through and blackbird.

The Everett Park area lies about seven miles from Inglewood and is reached via Hinton and Everett Roads. At the turn of the century it was administered by the Moa District Road Board and this board

was approached by a group wishing to have the bush felled to improve access to the Waitai district.

Opposition to this approach led to the formation, in 1907, of a separate board, the Everett Road Reserves Board, charged with the control and preservation of the area.

For half a century the board controlled the park and then, in 1957, it became, with four other small reserves, the Inglewood District Reserves Board.

by Richard Long



NATIVE CLEMATIS AND KIE-KIE abound in this impressive wall of native bush on the eastern bank of the Manganui River as it flows through the Everett Park area.

### River scenery

The Manganui River runs through the park, greatly adding to the scenic attraction and there is road access to an extensive clearing on the west side of the river. Over the years this has become a favourite spot for picnickers and swimmers, the sandy beach providing safe bathing.

At present the board is negotiating to acquire a further area of about seven acres of bush adjacent to the park on the eastern side of the river. The preservation of this new area is regarded by the board as important for the park's future scenic attraction.

Chairman of the board is the Commissioner of Crown Lands in New Plymouth, Mr F. W. Maslin. The Mayor of Inglewood, Mr B. W. Brown, is deputy chairman, and the secretary is the Inglewood Town Clerk, Mr R. Stewart. Other board members are Messrs P. J. Stachurski (chairman of the Inglewood County Council), P. J. N. and P. Braegherle, S. F. Fookes, T. H. Dickson, R. N. Bennett and R. Wilson.

Bordering Everett Park is the Makara Reserve of just over seven acres, the largest of the other four reserves in the board. This area is actually the legal unformed road alongside the Manganui River and in 1959 this was officially closed by the Lands and Survey Department and vested in the board as a scenic reserve.

### Borough reserves

Smallest of the reserves is in Inglewood and is known as the Scout Hall reserve and is only two rods, 37 perches in area.

Situated on the corner of James and Bain Streets, this building was formerly the manual training block for the primary school and was made a reserve largely due to the efforts of Messrs T. T. Murray, M.P., and R. W. Brown.

This action was particularly ap-

preated by the Guide, Brownie, Scout and Cub movements in Inglewood as they are able to use the building as their meeting place for a nominal fee.

Building and dwelling rents, grading fees and metal royalties are the board's only income and this money is spent on improvements to the reserves and dwellings.

The Joe Gibbs Reserve, of four acres, and the P. G. Nops Reserve, of two acres, are situated on the south-eastern and south-western side respectively of Inglewood borough. The Kurapepe Stream flows through the reserves and both have fine clear stands of native bush.

Purchased in 1924 the Gibbs Reserve was named after a former Mayor of Inglewood as a mark of respect for the work he had done for the community.

In 1937, soon after the death of Mr P. G. Nops, the two-acre area on the south-western boundary was presented to the borough which then donated it to the board.

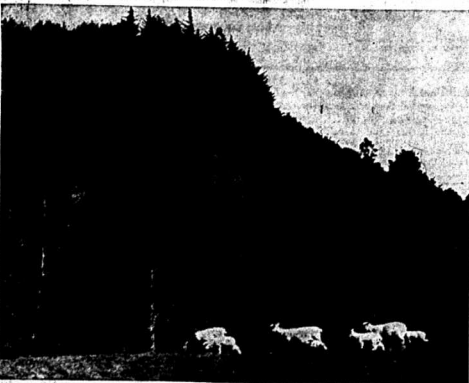
Both these areas have great possibilities. Part of the Gibbs Reserve is flat, has good access, and could become an ideal campsite. The Nops Reserve, with its flowering ornamental shrubs adding further colour to the native bush, could be developed as a first-class both with and aquatic park—making a pleasant breathing space within the town.

## TOM TIDDLER'S GROUND

### Devil Reel

The finger moved. The die was cast. The nuclear war was on last. A thousand blasting, soaring, and snatching. A thousand cities burnt to ashes: An earth concealed beneath a shroud of lethal, radioactive cloud; And when all life at last had died, "Hurrah! Hurrah!" the Devil cried.

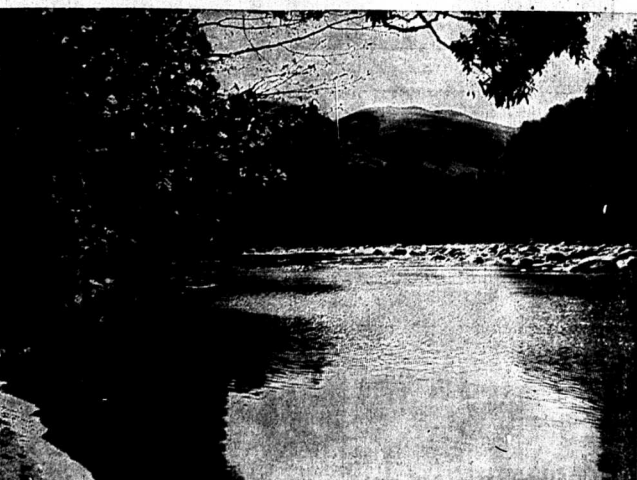
VISITORS TO EVERETT PARK drive along this track through some of the towering native bush which forms the 166 acres of Everett Road Reserve. The track leads from Everett Road to a grassed clearing alongside the river.



THE GIBBS RESERVE at Inglewood is dominated by this hill, covered with a fine stand of native bush. Sheep graze the flat paddock which bounds the reserve. This paddock could be formed into a fine camping ground.



THE NOPS RESERVE in Inglewood bounds the Kurapepe Stream which flows behind these houses. The Gibbs Reserve before finally running in to the Manganui Stream at Waitai, near the Everett Park. The Nops Reserve could be made into a fine scenic and aquatic park.



AN OLD FAVOURITE for many swimmers is this deep swimming area in Everett Park. The Manganui River at this point has a wide sandy beach, ideal for picnickers.

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