

## **Rakaia Native Reserve 2058**

Reserve number – 2058

Reserve name – Rakaia Native Reserve 2058

Reserve type - Reserve made in pursuance of awards of the Native Land Court in 1868, in final extinguishment of promises made under Kemp's Deed of 1848

Legal description – Native Reserve 2058 Block IX Rakaia Survey District

List of associated plans – SO 1696; SO 1320

Extent of allocation – 1830 Acres

### **Background**

The reserves allocated under the Kaiapoi Native Reserves Act 1877 were an attempt by the Crown to address the allocation of land at Kaiapoi to non-resident Ngai Tahu carried out in the subdivision plan of the Kaiapoi Native Reserve by Buller in 1861. Under the original allocation of land at Kaiapoi a provision was made for individuals who had a beneficial claim in the reserve but had moved south to Koukourarata and Moeraki following the destruction of Kaiapoi Pah by Te Rauparaha.

At a sitting of the Maori Land Court in 1868, the Court found that by adopting the above method of subdivision, the local residents had suffered a loss to the extent of the land apportioned to the non-residents, and that land to that amount should be found elsewhere by the Crown.

In 1876, the Deputy Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury temporarily reserved, out of the waste lands of the Crown those pieces of land described in the Kaiapoi Reserves Act 1877 as compensation.

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The Rakaia Native Reserve was granted under the Kaiapoi Native Reserve Act 1877. The Reserve originally comprised of 1 Section within the Rakaia Survey District. The reserve was surveyed in 1883 (see SO 1696) and the subdivision of the reserve into several smaller parcels of land can be seen in the survey plan drafted in 1889.

The Native Land Court was by Order in Council directed to find out the names of the persons entitled to the compensation land and to inquire as follows:

- i. The name of every Kaiapoi Native who is entitled to share of and in the said pieces of land and hereditaments;
- ii. The share or shares to which every such Native is entitled; and
- iii. Whether any of such Kaiapoi Natives are under disability, and, if so, the nature thereof, and, if infants, the age of such infants.

On the 18th of March of 1880 the Native Land Court sat to ascertain the names and shares of the persons entitled. On 27 March 1880, Judge Symonds made an award of the land under the Kaiapoi Reserves Act 1877 to the approximate amount of 21.5 acres for each adult and 10.5 acres for each

child. In terms of the allocation of land at the Rakaia Native Reserve the Native Land Court awarded the land to 96 owners.

The names of those persons and their allocation are recorded in the Kaiapoi Native Reserves Act 1877 Amendment Act 1892.

The Rakaia Native Reserve is located approximately 20km to the South West of the Rakaia township near Dorie. Since the establishment of the Rakaia Māori Reserve a number of the subdivided sections have passed into general title, except for 6 sections that remain as Maori freehold land.

In respect of one of those sections (Part Rakaia MR 2058 Sec 3) on 24 August 1975 (51 South Island Minute Book 205 - 206) the Maori Land Court made an order constituting the Rakaia Incorporation. The Order of incorporation allocated 45,000 shares to the 263 shareholders who had previously been recorded as the respective owners.