



**Media information**

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**Lands Trust to gift  
surplus land to council**

A strip of land in Masterton's recreation precinct currently owned by the Masterton Trust Lands Trust is to be gifted to the Masterton District Council.

The land consists of a 1,611 square metre strip running between Dixon and Queen Streets that sits under part of the War Memorial Stadium and occupies the stadium driveway and rear car park. A second 1,100 square metre section forms part of Robinson Park running between Queen and Chapel Streets.

The land valued at \$262,000 will be gifted to the Masterton District Council at the Trust's December board meeting.

Historically the land formed part of the Waipoua River bed before the river was diverted away from the area in the late 1800s to where it flows today. After the diversion, ownership of the river bed was divided between the neighbouring landowners – the council and the trust.

Trust chairman, Alan Sadler, said the transfer of the land had been discussed over some years. "Transferring this land to council tidies up ownership of the area. It is surplus Trust land which we cannot develop so it makes sense for it to be attached to the council assets that occupy it."

There will be no change to the Trust's ownership of the New World supermarket land and building and other adjoining properties.

The special resolution to enable the land transfer has been publically notified today. Under Section 18 of its own act of Parliament, the Masterton Trust Lands Trust may pass special resolution to sell or gift any of its property.