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Parks and Reserves in Tinwald

01. Cawton Grove Linkage

Description

Cawton Grove Linkage is a small unformed connection between Tarbottons Road and Kelburn Place in Tinwald.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Tarbottons Road, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.0784
Legal Description	Lot 101 DP 494597
Land Status	Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve and was classified in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

~~No formal occupation.~~

The following occupation agreements apply to the reserve:

<u>Occupier</u>	<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Final Expiry</u>
<u>Private</u>	<u>Licence to Occupy</u>	<u>2026</u>

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop a formed pathway through the reserve.

02. Cawton Grove Park

Description

Cawton Grove Park is a small neighbourhood reserve which was created as part of the subdivision of the surrounding land for residential development. It abuts the Tinwald Domain. The reserve is currently undeveloped.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	1 Jag Way, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.2025

Legal Description	Lot 100 DP 494597
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes and was classified in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop walkway linkage into Tinwald Domain.
- Consider provision of a playspace in the reserve to serve the surrounding new subdivision.
- Install parks signage and furniture.

03. Clark Park

Description

Clark Park is a neighbourhood reserve located at the corner of Nursery Drive and Jordan Ave in Tinwald. The reserve includes a pre-school age playground. A number of trees are planted throughout the reserve.



Address	Nursery Drive, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.3120

The reserve is made up of three separate land parcels, which are held under the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 40 DP 42056	Recreation Reserve
Lot 18 DP 54737	Recreation Reserve
Lot 17 DP 62146	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes [and was classified in 2024](#).

The reserve and surrounding area is said to have been part of a nursery.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. At the end of its useful life, upgrade the playground to provide for a wider age range. Consider provision of all abilities equipment and surfaces at this site.
2. Provide shade over that playground through planting of appropriate trees.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install seating next to the playground.
- Opportunity to work with the local community to improve this reserve.

04. Ferrier Place Park

Description

Ferrier Place Park is a small neighbourhood reserve located at the corner of Ferrier Place and Nixon Street in Tinwald. The Ashburton Pottery Society building (not part of the scope of this plan) is bordering the reserve to the southeast. An area of unformed legal road, adjacent to Lot 2 DP 54737, forms part of the open space (approximately 176m²).



Address	28 Nixon Street, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.0651

The reserve is made up of three land parcels, which are all held under the Reserves Act as Recreation Reserve.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 2 DP 54737	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1 DP 54737	Recreation Reserve
Lot 4 DP 39807	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was likely created as part of the subdivision of surrounding land.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Unformed legal road forms part of the reserve.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Formally incorporate the unformed legal road into the reserve by undertaking the relevant road stopping process and declaring the land reserve.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage to identify the site as a reserve.
- Install seating.

05. George Glassey Park

Description

George Glassey Park is large neighbourhood reserve on the eastern side of Tinwald. The reserve provides a playground for a range of ages. It is largely grassed, with few trees. Limited furniture is provided. It provides a walkway link between Graham Street and Agnes Street.



A significant portion of the land used as open space is owned by the Ministry of Education (Part Lot 8 DP 13935). This land is located on the opposite side of Graham Street from Tinwald School.

Address	Agnes Street, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	1.5344

The reserve is made up of five land parcels. The land parcels are owned by Ashburton District Council and held under the Reserves Act 1977.

Part Lot 8 DP 13935 is owned by the Crown and was set aside for State Primary School in 1970 is used and maintained as part of the open space.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 13 DP 42710	Recreation Reserve
Lot 12 DP 42710	Recreation Reserve
Pt Lot 1 DP 33657	Recreation Reserve
Pt Lot 2 DP 22396	Recreation Reserve
Pt Lot 1 DP 40734	Recreation Reserve

Background

The parkland was likely acquired by Ashburton District Council as part of the development of the surrounding land. Part of the land was formerly a joinery and acquired by Ashburton Borough Council in the mid-1980s.

Anecdotally, the reserve was to be called Fooks Park after the early surveying family who did most of the surveying work in the late 1800s and through to the mid 1940s. For additional information about the area see Bayliss History of Tinwald.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Part of the land (Pt Lot 8 DP 13935) is owned by Ministry of Education.
- No shade over playground.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Formalise agreement with Ministry of Education for the continued use of Pt Lot 8 DP 13935 as open space.
2. Investigate use of part of Lot 14 DP 42710, formerly part of the Jonco Joinery land.
3. Consider provision of shade for the playground.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop a concept plan for this reserve to set out a high-level vision for its development as open space. The plan could include consolidation of play equipment, plantings, including tree planting for shade, paths and seating, and public conveniences. Concept plan should give consideration to reserves and playgrounds on the east side of Tinwald and provide complimentary play opportunities for different ages and abilities.

06. Harland Street Park

Description

Harland Street Park is neighbourhood reserve in Tinwald. A playground is located on the Harland Street side of the reserve, which is suitable for preschool-aged children. The reserve features mature trees and some furniture. The reserve has good road frontage on Harland Street, but can only be accessed from Thomson Street via a narrow accessway.



Address	74 Harland Street, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.3379

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, which are held as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 11 DP 20416	Recreation Reserve
Lot 2 DP 25454	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes in the 1960s.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- No formed access path to playground or through reserve;
- Accessway into the reserve from Johnstone Street is not usable due to encroachment from neighbouring properties.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Encroachment on Johnstone Street access to be addressed in line with relevant policies in Volume 1 of this plan.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage at Thomson Street access to the reserve.
- Develop an all-weather pathway through the reserve to connect Thomson Street and Harland Street and provide better access to the playground.

07. Oaklea Linkages

Description

Oaklea Linkages is made up of three land parcels located at the end of Whiteoak Grove. All three land parcels provide green linkages between the adjacent streets. Some trees are planted in the reserves.



Address	Whiteoak Grove, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.2473

The reserve area is made up of three land parcels, two of which are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 206 DP 477027	Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve
Lot 205 DP 486386	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 204 DP 500442	Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop all weather formed pathways through the reserves.

08. Oaklea Tinwald Domain Linkage

Description

Oaklea Tinwald Domain Linkage is a small accessway on Roxburgh Place, which provides a green link from the surrounding neighbourhood to privately owned property close to the eastern end of Tinwald Domain. Some trees have been planted in the reserve.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is held as Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Roxburgh Place, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.0917
Legal Description	Lot 203 DP 500442

Land Status	Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve
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Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for local purpose accessway.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Development of a formed all weather pathway to provide a walking connection to Tinwald Domain, as part of the development of a wider network of walking tracks in Tinwald Domain with linkages to various new subdivisions. Creation of a link to Tinwald Domain may require acquisition of additional land or access agreements over private property.

09. Oaklea Whiteoak Grove Linkage

Description

Oaklea Whiteoak Grove Linkage is a small linear reserve adjacent to Whiteoak Grove. A small amenity planting area is located close to the corner with Waterford Place. This screens a utilities area. Some trees have been planted in the reserve adjacent to Whiteoak Grove.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is held under the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Waterford Place, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage

Total Size (in ha)	0.1228
Legal Description	Lot 202 DP 477027
Land Status	Local Purpose (Amenity) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council as a Local Purpose reserve.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

No development opportunities identified.

10. Parkland at Archibald Street/ SH 1

Description

Parkland at Archibald Street/ State Highway 1 is made up of four land parcels stretching from the Melcombe Street underpass to the intersection with Maronan Road along the eastern side of the railway line along Archibald Street. The reserve provides a visual amenity open space with many trees, annual plant beds and some seating.



Address	Archibald Street, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	3.2081

The reserve is made up of four land parcels. Lot 2 DP 68747 is held under the Reserve Act 1977, while the remaining three land parcels are held under the Local Government Act as Freehold Land.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 2 DP 68747	Recreation Reserve
Area B SO Plan 19679	Held under Local Government Act
Area C SO Plan 19679	Held under Local Government Act
Area E SO Plan 19679	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Lot 2 DP 68747 is vested in Ashburton District Council.

Areas B, C and E SO Plan 19679 were acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990's. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in ADC in 2000 via NZ Gazette 2000 p 1895 (Area E), 1896 (Area C) and 1898 (Area B).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Areas B, C and E SO Plan 16979 under the Local Government Act as land for development of public amenity and continue to manage as open space.
2. Consider development of an off-road walking and cycling path on the land in line with the proposed walking and cycling projects in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage to identify the sites as Archibald Street Park.

11. Parkland at Melcombe Street

Description

Parkland at Melcombe Street is made up of two land parcels stretching from the Melcombe Street underpass to Anne Street intersection along the western side of the railway line along Melcombe Street. The area from Melcombe Street Crossing to Lagmhor Road is not included in scope of this plan, as it is still held for Railway purposes.

The reserve provides a visual amenity open space with many trees, annual plant beds and some seating.

A stormwater pond for the Oaklea subdivision is located in the western part of Section 1 SO 19679, close to the intersection of Whiteoak Grove and Melcombe Street.



Address	Melcombe Street, Tinwald
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NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	3.1438

The reserve is made up of two land parcels.

Legal Description	Land Status
Section 1 SO 19679	Held under Local Government Act
Area D SO Plan 19679	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Area D SO 19679 and Section 1 SO 19679 were acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990s. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1898.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Area D and Section 1 SO 19679 under the Local Government Act as land acquired for development of public amenity and continue to manage as open space.
2. Consider development of an off-road walking and cycling path on the land in line with the proposed walking and cycling projects in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage to identify the sites as Melcombe Street Park.

12. Wisteria Place Park

Description

Wisteria Place Park is neighbourhood reserve with a pre-school age playground on the south-eastern side of Tinwald. A shared pathway runs through the reserve, connecting Thomson Street, Wisteria Place and Elmwood Grove. The reserve contains some furniture and limited areas of planting or mature trees.



Address	Wisteria Place, Tinwald
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.4222

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, both are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 12 DP 402947	Recreation Reserve
Lot 33 DP 410229	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The playground in the reserve provides for a very limited age range only with limited play value.
- There is limited shade and seating provided in the reserve.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Consider provision of play equipment for wider age range and for more diverse play.
2. Provide shade over that playground through planting of appropriate trees.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage to identify the reserve and connections the pathway provides.

Parks and Reserves in Ashburton

13. Argyle Park

Description

Argyle Park is situated at the corner of Middle Road and Farm Road in Allenton. The reserve is dominated by sports fields for football and softball. The playground located along Middle Road is suitable for all ages. The reserve also has a popular shared walking and cycling track, which circles the sports fields.

Argyle Park is an off-leash dog exercise area. This excludes the sports fields and playground area, where dogs are prohibited. The reserve is also popular with local schools for cross country runs.



The reserve also contains public conveniences. They are located next to Council’s water supply plant near the Middle Road/ Bathurst Road intersection and were constructed in 2019.

At the southern end of the reserve there is a large shingled carpark accessed from Middle Road.

The reserve also contains a dwelling, located off Middle Road.

Address	158 Middle Road, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Sport and Recreation Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	17.0802

The reserve is made up of four land parcels. All subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 187 DP 235	Recreation Reserve
Lot 188 DP 235	Recreation Reserve
Lot 189 DP 235	Recreation Reserve
Lot 190 DP 235	Recreation Reserve

Background

Lot 187 DP 235 was declared by order in Council in March 1953 to form part of Ashburton Domain. The powers of the Ashburton Domain Board were given to the Borough of Ashburton through NZ Gazette 1889 p 2019. Through local government reorganisation in the 1980s, Ashburton District Council is the administering body for this land parcel. NZ Gazette 1980 p 2267 declared Lot 187 DP 235 to be reserve classified for recreation purposes.

Lot 188 to 190 DP 235 were created via subdivision in 1878 and are owned by Ashburton District Council (via predecessor councils). These

three land parcels were declared to be Recreation Reserves under the Reserves Act in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

The following occupation agreements apply to the reserve:

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Residential Tenancy Agreement	Tenancy agreement	Periodic

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Ongoing requirement for tree monitoring.
- Dog owners compliance with the Dog Control Bylaw (outside scope of this plan).
- Some occupancy of the reserve by clubs and community organisations appears not to have been formalised.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Consider opportunity to create multi use-sports hub at Argyle Park for softball and football.
2. Continue to provide for residential use of the residential building within the reserve.
3. Review occupancy of the reserve and, if required, formalise this through appropriate agreements.
4. Contemplate leases and licenses within existing footprints on Recreation Reserve, for the continued provision of softball and football in line with the general policies in Volume 1.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Consider improving the site through drainage, irrigation and lighting.
- Undertake more native plantings, especially at the western end of the reserve. This was suggested during the first round of community consultation for this plan.
- Create additional off-street parking, including potentially angled parking adjacent to Middle Road.
- Paint sections of the path with road markings to create learn to cycle track. Also opportunity to add play along the way e.g. hop scotch, nature discovery, etc.
- Create pedestrian/cycling connections that will connect the reserve to existing and new linkages and reserves in the area.

14. Ashburton Cemetery

Description

Ashburton Cemetery is located at the corner of Bremners Road and Seafield Road on the north eastern side of Ashburton. The Ashburton Cemetery Extension, off Seafield Road, (referred to as the ‘Seafield Lawn’) was opened in October 2020 and is to cater for the town’s burial needs for the next 40 years.

Toilet facilities are provided for visitors of the cemetery close to the entrance off Bremners Road.

The cemetery includes the historic sexton’s building, which was restored in 1994 by the Pakake Lions Club.



Address	Seafield Road, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Total Size (in ha)	22.0284

The cemetery is made up of five land parcels, three of which are currently being used for burial. Two land parcels along Bridge Street are being considered for potential future use as cemetery and have been included in the scope of this plan. Three of the land parcels are held under the Reserves Act 1977 and were classified in 2024, two are held under the Local Government Act as open space.

Legal Description	Land Status
RES 2283 SO 4496	Local Purpose (Cemetery) Reserve
Pt Res 1775 SO 7507	Local Purpose (Cemetery) Reserve
Lot 2 DP 357743	Local Purpose (Cemetery) Reserve
Lot 1 DP 80251	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 2 DP 47823	Held under Local Government Act

Background

The original cemetery was a small square, about one acre in size, on the corner of Bremners/Seafield Roads. The first burials took place here in ca 1879.

A chapel was located at the northern end of the avenue of yew trees leading from the Seafield Rd gates.

The area east and west of the yew trees was a horse paddock for people attending services in the chapel. Later, it became a carpark, and the chapel was demolished. In the 1950s the area became known as Ashburton Lawn Cemetery. When an additional area was developed (on Lot 2 DP 357743) it was referred to as the ‘new’ lawn cemetery. Both of these areas are now referred to as the ‘Bremners Lawn’.

The Sextons Building was originally where the flagpole is located now. It was moved to make way to expand the soldiers' section of the cemetery. It consisted only of a small office and tool shed. The building was eventually restored by the Ashburton District Branch of the NZ Historic Places Trust with assistance from the Pakeke Lions Club.

The fence along Seafield Rd was donated by Captain Coleman and originated from Baring Square East. Two of its gates are now at the Ashburton Domain, at the Wills Street corner.

RES 2283 SO 4496 was established as a cemetery in 1878 (NZG 1878 p 483). A title has not been issued for the land. This action should be undertaken as soon as possible. NZ Gazette 1915 p 276 vests the land in the Borough of Ashburton for public cemetery.

Pt Res 1775 SO 7507, formerly a plantation reserve, was changed to reserve for cemetery purposes in 1943 (NZG 1943 p 1520). The registered owner is Ashburton District Council. The reserve is crown derived and subject to the Ngai Tahu Claims Act 1998.

Lot 2 DP 357743 is held as Fee Simple land by Ashburton District Council. This was declared reserve and classified in 2024.

Lot 1 DP 80251 and Lot 2 DP 47823 are owned by Ashburton District Council as Fee Simple land.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- No title has been issued for RES 2283 SO 4496.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Lot 1 DP 80251 and Lot 2 DP 47823 under Local Government Act, until such time as they might be required for cemetery purposes.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Request for a public toilet in new part of the cemetery.

15. Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park

Description

Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park is a large sport and recreational reserve on the southeast side of the Ashburton / Hakatere River. The main access to the Dog Park is off Cass Street, while the access to Robilliard Park is from the southern end of Chalmers Avenue.



The Dog Park is an off-leash dog exercise area, which includes separate dog exercise areas for small and large dogs, as well as dog play equipment in both areas and a drinking fountain.

Robilliard Park features a rugby league field. The Ashburton Collegiate Rugby Club and Squash Club are located adjacent to the reserve on a separate land parcel, which is not within scope of this plan.

Ashburton / Hakatere River Trail¹ runs through the reserve.

Address	The Terrace, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Sport and Recreation Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	11.8050

The reserve is made up of three different land parcels, all classified Recreation Reserves subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Pt RS 40466	Recreation Reserve
RS 40468 40668	Recreation Reserve
RS 40467 SO 13539	Recreation Reserve

Background

RS 40466, formerly part reserves 300 and 2668, was brought under Part II (Public Domains) of the Reserves, Domains and National Park Act 1928 and declared to form part of Ashburton Domain and to be administered by the Domain Board through NZ Gazette 1952 p 1774.

NZ Gazette notice 1980 p 2267 classified the land as Recreation Reserve.

¹ The trail is an easy walk or cycle which follows the Ashburton River from Melrose Road to the sea at Hakatere. Along the trail there are several access points allowing sections of the trail to be enjoyed individually.

RS 40467 SO 13539 was created in the 1970s as part of a subdivision of land that created land for protection of the Hakatere River. It was formerly part of Pt Res 3905. NZ Gazette 1976 p 4221 set aside RS 40467 for recreation purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Land Act and declared it to be public domain subject to the provisions of Part III of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. It also set it aside to form part of Ashburton Domain and to be administered by the Domain Board. Gazette notice 1980 p 2267 classified RS 40467 as Recreation Reserve.

RS 40468, 1.665 ha in area and formerly part of Res 2668, was brought under Part III (Public Domains) of the Reserves, Domains and National Park Act 1928 and declared them to form part of Ashburton Domain and to be administered by the Domain Board through NZ Gazette 1952 p 1774. The powers of the Ashburton Domain Board were given to the Borough of Ashburton through NZ Gazette 1889 p 2019.

NZ Gazette 1976 p 422 declared that pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, RS 40468, formerly part of Res 2668, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of Part III of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, and be deemed to be a recreation reserve subject to Part II of the said Act, and further, revokes the reservation for recreation purposes over the said reserve. NZ Gazette 1976 p 422 sets aside the land as Local Purpose (Soil Conservation) Reserve.

A separate gazette notice on the same page appoints the South Canterbury Catchment Board to control and manage the reserve. The powers and authorities of the South Canterbury Catchment Board were passed to Canterbury Regional Council by authority of the Local Government (Canterbury Region) Reorganisation Order 1989 (section 16), published in Gazette 1989 pages 2296 to 2303.

Vehicle access and carparking for the Dog Park was at the end of William Street until a new carparking area and entrance was created at the end of Cass Street in conjunction with the neighbouring Kmart development in 2022.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Dog owners compliance with the Dog Control Bylaw.
- Flooding/ inundation impacts on dog park area.
- Environment Canterbury has been appointed to control and manage RS 40468, though Ashburton District Council is undertaking the day to day management of the reserve.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Contemplate leases and licenses within existing footprints for the continued provision of rugby league on Robilliard Park in line with the general policies in Volume 1.
2. Liaise with Department of Conservation/ Land Information New Zealand to formally vest administration of RS 40468 in Ashburton District Council. Currently this land is included for advocacy purposes only.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Continued pathway upgrades.
- Improve the William Street frontage to Robilliard Park with landscaping improvements e.g. carparking, bollards, signage, planting and furniture.

16. Ashburton Motorcycle Park

Description

The Ashburton Motorcycle Park is located at the end of Trevors Road in Hampstead, on the northern side of the Ashburton / Hakatere River. The reserve includes the Ashburton Motorbike Park, which has a number of dirt motorbike tracks that run through the trees.

It also includes parts of the Ashburton / Hakatere River Trail. The trail is an easy walk or cycle which follows the Ashburton River from Melrose Road to the sea at Hakatere. It is a former rubbish tip site.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Trevors Road, Hampstead
NZRA Reserve Category	Nature Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	8.0937
Legal Description	Res 3540 BM 45
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

The land was temporarily reserved in 1901. NZ Gazette 1901 p 988 then permanently reserved the land for rubbish and drainage purposes.

Subsequently NZ Gazette 1948 p 349 vested the land in Ashburton Borough Council for rubbish and drainage purposes, subject to section 9 of the Public Reserve, Domains and National Parks Act 1928. [The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

The following occupation agreements apply to the reserve:

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Ashburton Motorcycle Park	Licence to Occupy	Expired

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The reserve is a former rubbish tip site.
- Potential impact on Hakatere River from activity on land, including motorbike park.
- The occupation agreement appears not to be current.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Contemplate leases and licenses within existing footprints for the continued provision of motorbike park in line with the general policies in Volume 1.
2. Protect the values of the adjacent Hakatere River through appropriate management of the land.
3. Consider potential opportunities for riparian plantings to protect the values of the Hakatere River.

Development opportunities

No development opportunities identified.

17. Ashburton Skate Park

Description

Ashburton Skate Park is located at 70 West Street in Ashburton. It provides skate facilities. One large tree provides some shade. Some seating is provided in the south-eastern part of the park.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is held under the Local Government Act.

Address	70 West Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood

Total Size (in ha)	0.1477
Legal Description	Area J SO Plan 19618
Land Status	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Area J SO Plan 19618 was acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990's. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1896.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Area J SO Plan 19618 under the Local Government Act as land acquired for development of 'public amenity' and continue to manage as open space.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Consider landscaping and tree planting along the northern side of the park to provide some additional shade and mitigate heat island effect of the site.

18. Baring Square East

Description

Baring Square East is located in the centre of Ashburton on East Street. The clock tower and surrounding buildings are seen by many as the distinctive features of Ashburton Town Centre. Several other features pay homage to Ashburton’s history, including a statue of John Grigg, an early settler of the area, Member of Parliament for Wakanui in the early 1880’s and one of the pioneers of the frozen meat export industry in NZ.



The open space features the concreted arbors, informally called the whalebones, amenity plantings, water features and seating.

The open space is also used for events.

In 2023 it underwent major redevelopment as part of the redevelopment of the civic centre.

Legally, the land remains held as road. The land has been included in this plan due to its significant open space function in the centre of Ashburton.

Address	Baring Square East, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Civic Space
Total Size (in ha)	0.3981
Legal Description	Legal road

Background

The land on which the town of Ashburton stands was obtained from the Canterbury Association which held the land under the Wakefield Scheme. The river and the town were named after the Hon. William Baring (Lord Ashburton), a prominent member of the first New Zealand Association founded by Edward Gibbon Wakefield in 1837. The town was laid out around two central squares either side of the railway line and main highway, Baring Square East and Baring Square West. Baring Square East (and West) were included on survey plan 311 from 1864 and set apart as part of the street network.

Images from the early 1900s show the square largely as green space, with the statue of John Grigg and the Boer War Memorial in the centre of the square (see image below).



Figure 1 Baring Square East, ca 1904

In 1978, the Borough Council decided to re-develop Baring Square East, incorporating the newly re-erected Ashburton Town Clock which the County Council had placed in 1976 to mark the centenary of the Ashburton County. The clock in the clocktower was initially located in the old Post Office building, but had been removed and put into storage following the 1931 Hawkes Bay and 1942 Wairarapa earthquakes.

In the 1970's, the Ashburton Lions Club restored the clock. The completion of the restoration coincided with a decision of the local County Council to mark the County Centennial in 1976 by erecting a suitable tower to house the clock. The tower was designed by Warren and Mahoney Architects.

The archway arbors were installed as part of the redevelopment of the square in 1977/78. They were to encircle the central open space and 'evoke the traditional feeling of walking beneath a cloister'.

Baring Square East was unveiled in October 1978 by the then Governor General, Sir Keith Holyoake.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The land is held as legal road and contains portions of the surrounding street and car park.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Survey off area used as open space and undertake road stopping process in line with legal requirements (under Local Government Act 1974 or Public Works Act 1981).
2. Manage the land as open space and consider declaring the land to be reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and classifying it appropriately.

Development opportunities

No additional development opportunities identified.

19. Baring Square West

Description

Baring Square West is located in the heart of Ashburton and forms one of the key civic spaces of the township. The district's cenotaphs are located in the reserve. The Boer War Memorial was relocated here as a consequence of the Baring Square East redevelopment in 2023. The open space also provides open green space and features mature trees and pathways. Legally, the land remains held as road.



Address	Baring Square West, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Civic Space
Total Size (in ha)	0.4012
Legal Description	Legal road

Background

The land on which the town of Ashburton stands was obtained from the Canterbury Association which held the land under the Wakefield Scheme. The river and the town were named after the Hon. William Baring (Lord Ashburton), a prominent member of the first New Zealand Association founded by Edward Gibbon Wakefield in 1837. The town is laid out around two central squares either side of the railway line and main highway, Baring Square East and Baring Square West. Baring Square West (and East) were included on survey plan 311 from 1864 and set apart as part of the street network.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)



Figure 2 Image of Baring Square West, ca 1924

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The land is held as legal road and contains portions of the surrounding street and car park.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Survey off area used as open space and undertake road stopping process in line with legal requirements (under Local Government Act 1974 or Public Works Act 1981).
2. Manage the land as open space and consider declaring the land to be reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and classifying it appropriately.

Development opportunities

No additional development opportunities identified.

20. Braebrook Drive Linkage

Description

Braebrook Drive Linkage is a small open grassed area and esplanade, which, together with Geoff Geering Drive Linkage provides a walking connection between Braebrook Drive and Geoff Geering Drive.



Address	Braebrook Drive, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.0998

Two land parcels make up this reserve, both are held under the Reserve Act 1977 and were classified in 2024.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 504 DP 470065	Recreation Reserve
Lot 65 DP 524030	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage to identify this as a local reserve and walking connection.
- There are opportunities to undertake riparian planting within Lot 65 DP 524030 to improve water quality of the adjacent stream.
- Undertake additional planting of trees or low growing native vegetation on Lot 504 DP 470065 to improve biodiversity and provide shade.

21. Braebrook Drive Park

Description

Braebrook Drive Park is a neighbourhood reserve in Netherby, adjacent to Braebrook Drive. The reserve features a pre-school to intermediate age playground, walkways and seating, as well as a (stormwater) pond with viewing platform. The dry pond to the north east of the reserve at the corner of Braebrook Drive and Tuarangi Road is not included in this plan as it purely has a stormwater function.



Address	Braebrook Drive, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.9683

The reserve is made up of three land parcels, all of which are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 600 DP 415429	Recreation Reserve
Lot 601 DP 415429	Recreation Reserve
Lot 11 DP 408635	Local Purpose (Drainage) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation and drainage purposes. [All land parcels were classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The playground in the reserve provides for a very limited age range only with limited play value.
- There is limited shade and seating provided in the reserve.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Provide shade over that playground through planting of appropriate trees.
2. Consider providing all abilities access and equipment at the reserve.

Development opportunities

No additional development opportunities identified.

22. Clark Street Park

Description

Clark Street Park is a 4380 m² neighbourhood reserve located between Clark Street and Andrew Street in Allenton. A footpath through the reserve provides a green link through the neighbourhood. The reserve has a playground, park benches and some maturing trees.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	23 Clark Street, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.2959
Legal Description	Res 4662
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

In 1952, the Crown set aside Reserve 4662 (prior to that described as Lot 17 DP 15101), as reserve for recreation purposes through NZ Gazette 1952 p 1995.

No record has been found of Ashburton District Council being given administering authority over the land (either through vesting or being appointed to control and manage the land).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- No record has been found giving administering authority to Ashburton District Council over the land.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Liaise with Department of Conservation to formalise Ashburton District Council as the administering body of the land.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- A submission in the first round of public engagement on the plan suggested to build a half court (on Clark Street side of reserve).
- Develop formed walkway connection from the walkway to the playground.

23. Coniston Drive Farm Road Linkage

Description

Coniston Drive Farm Road Linkage is a narrow walkway which links Farm Road and Coniston Drive in Allenton. The reserve features some mature trees, a formed stream and small seating area.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	35 Coniston Drive, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.1043
Legal Description	Lot 51 DP 320805

Land Status	Recreation Reserve
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Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

24. Coniston Drive Linkage

Description

Coniston Drive Linkage is small neighbourhood reserve in Allenton, with some maturing trees, a small seating area and grassed area. The reserve provides connection to a walkway adjacent to the water race to the north and via this connection to neighbouring streets and Alford Forest Road.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Coniston Drive, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage

Total Size (in ha)	0.1206
Legal Description	Lot 67 DP 82956
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

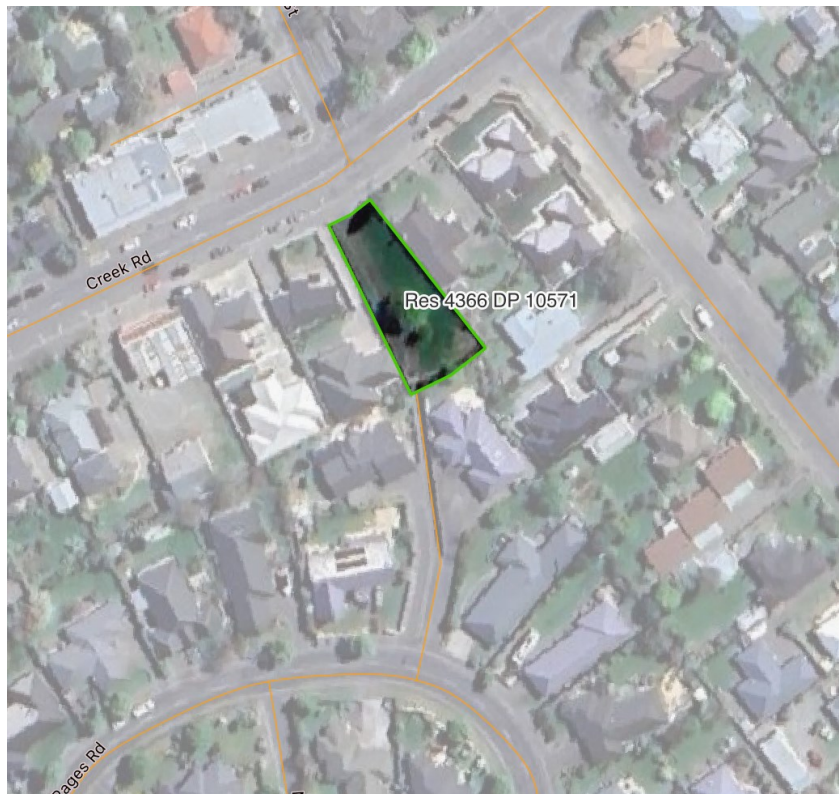
The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

25. Creek Road Pages Road Linkage

Description

Creek Road Pages Road Linkage is a small reserve which, along with the accessway² to the south, provides a green link between Creek and Pages Roads.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	62 Creek Road, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.0809
Legal Description	Res 4366 DP 10571
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision in 1934 as recreation reserve. NZ Gazette 1941 p 2019 vests the land in the Borough of Ashburton. [The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- No title has been issued for the reserve.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Undertake landscaping and tree planting.

² Not in scope of this plan, as legal road.

26. Davis Crescent Park

Description

Davis Crescent Park is a 4363 m² neighbourhood reserve located in Davis Crescent, Netherby, Ashburton. It is within walking distance to Ashburton Showgrounds and Ashburton Netherby School.

A walkway through the reserve connects two ends of Davis Crescent. A playground is located in the reserve, adjacent to 62 Davis Crescent. Ashburton Kindergarten abuts the reserve to the east.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	56 Davis Crescent, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.4363

Legal description	Lot 86 DP 22363
Land status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the Borough of Ashburton in 1964 for recreation purposes [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Relatively narrow northern entrance to the reserve between 18 – 20 Davis Crescent limits visibility of the reserve.
- Playground has limited play value and provides for junior play only.
- Illegal dumping appears to be an issue in the reserve.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Potential to improve the northern entrance through improved signage.

27. Devon Park

Description

Devon Park is a large neighbourhood reserve located in Allenton, consisting largely of grassed open space. A small gravelled parking area is located in the reserve on Creek Road. Mature trees surround the reserve on all sides, including walnut trees. No park furniture or other amenities are provided. Dogs are permitted to be exercised in the reserve.



Address	Kelvin Crescent, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	2.4989

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, both subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Res 4746 SO 5793	Recreation Reserve
Lot 28 DP 4050	Recreation Reserve

Background

Res 4746 SO 5793 was vested in Ashburton Borough Council in trust by the Crown and reserved for recreation purposes in 1954 (NZ Gazette 1954 p 1114).

Lot 28 DP 4050 was not included in the above Gazette Notice, but the land transfer title from 1955 includes this land and outlines its purpose as Recreation Reserve. [The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The reserve is described by users as plain, though a good place for dogs to run.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Permit and encourage the harvesting nuts from the reserve from existing trees.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Creation of formed walkways.
- Installation of seating.
- A submission from first round of public engagement on the plan suggested the potential for additional plantings with natives.

28. Digby Park

Description

Digby Park is a large a neighbourhood reserve, surrounded on three sides by Havelock Street, Chalmers Avenue and Cameron Street. It features six full sized tennis courts, developed by Hampstead Tennis Club and are accessible to the public.

The Silver Band Hall, which can be hired for functions, public toilets/ changing rooms and a large open space, which is popular for off-leash dog walking, are also located here. Large trees are adjacent to Silver Band Hall



and along the north-western edge of the reserve, which borders residential properties.

New public conveniences were constructed in 2023/2024 and are located between the tennis courts and hall.

Address	284 Cameron Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	1.2643

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, both subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Section 683 Blk XIII Ashburton SD	Recreation Reserve
Section 1271 SO 13459	Recreation Reserve

Background

The reserve is said to originally have been part of Digby’s Brewery. The brewery was located close to where the Silver Band Hall is now. The bulk of the reserve was a field where the brewer ran his team of delivery horses.

The grounds later became the playing fields for Ashburton Technical School/College. The hollow left by the brewery cellar is said to have become the school’s swimming pool.

Both land parcels were Crown land. Gazette notice 1975 p 1092 sets Section 683 Blk XIII Ashburton SD aside for recreation purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Land Act and declared it to be public domain subject to the provisions of Part III of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. It forms part of Ashburton Domain and to be administered by the Domain Board. The powers of the Domain Board were given to the Borough of Ashburton through NZ Gazette 1889 p 2019.

Gazette Notice 1977 p 2864 takes the same action for Sec 1271 SO 13459.
 Gazette notice 1980 p 2267 classified both land parcels as Recreation Reserve.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

The following occupation agreements apply to the reserve:

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Hampstead Tennis Club	Lease	Expired

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The lease for the occupation of part of the reserve by Hampstead Tennis Club has expired.
- There is no formalised agreement for the use of Silver Band Hall.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Contemplate leases and licenses within existing footprints for the continued provision of tennis in line with the general policies in Volume 1.
2. Formalise use of Silver Band Hall through appropriate agreements.

Development opportunities

None identified.

29. Digby Place Park Linkages

Description

Digby Place Park Linkages is a neighbourhood linkage, made up of five separate land parcels. One land parcel is located north of Pages Road, the remaining four south of Pages Road provide a green link to Digby Place and industrial properties along State Highway 1. Mature trees are planted throughout the reserve. Wakanui Creek runs to the west of the reserve along its entire length.



Address	Pages Road, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.6948

The reserve is made up of five land parcels, all of which are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 19 DP 52345	Recreation Reserve
Lot 3 DP 49621	Recreation Reserve
Lot 2 DP 66499	Recreation Reserve
Lot 3 DP 69187	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1 DP 80835	Recreation Reserve

Background

All land parcels that make up the reserve were likely created as part of the subdivision of surrounding land and vested in Ashburton District Council.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Undertake riparian planting along Wakanui Stream, to improve water quality and biodiversity and increase shading, but note it also has a stockwater function , so there are operational access parameters needing to be retained under the Water Races Bylaw.

Development opportunities

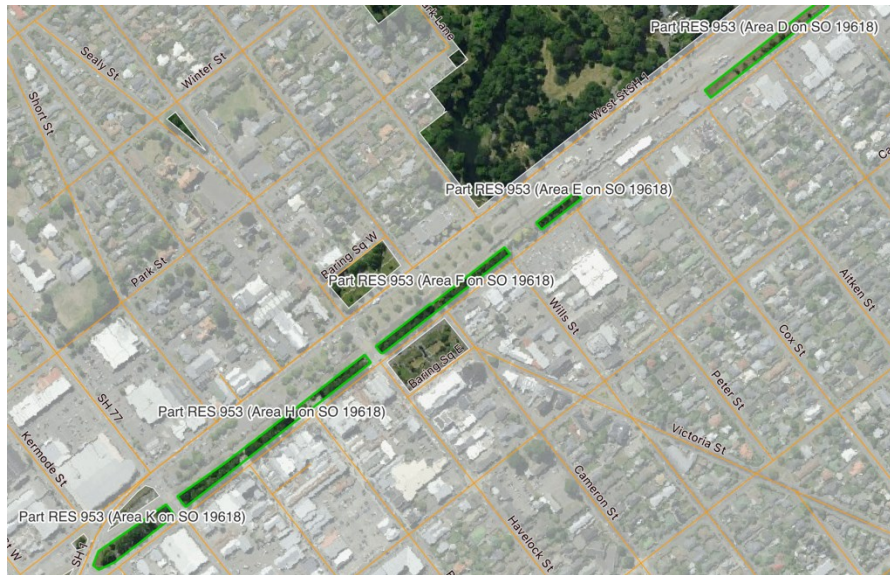
The following opportunities have been identified:

- Consider development of a formed walkway between Pages Road and Digby Place, also extending along Wakanui Stream channel to State Highway 1.

30. East Street Green - CBD

Description

East Street Green – CBD stretches along East Street from the intersection with Walnut Avenue to just south of Kermode Street in the centre of Ashburton. The reserve provides civic open space and visual amenity, with many mature trees, seating areas, a water feature, public plaza, toilets, information centre and a footpath along its entire length. The pedestrian overbridge across the railway line is located just outside of the park.



Address	East Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	1.5805

The open space is made up of five land parcels, all of which are subject to the Local Government Act.

Legal Description	Land Status
Area D SO Plan 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area E SO Plan 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area F SO Plan 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area H SO Plan 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area K SO Plan 19618	Held under Local Government Act

Background

All five land parcels were acquired by Ashburton District Council (ADC) from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990s.

Areas D, E, F SO Plan 19618 were gazetted as ‘Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity’ and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1897.

Areas H and K SO Plan 19618 were gazetted as ‘Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity’ and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1896.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain area under the Local Government Act as ‘land acquired for development of public amenity’ and continue to manage as open space.

Development opportunities

None identified.

31. Fairfield Road Reserve

Description

Fairfield Road Reserve is located in Fairfield, adjacent to Fairton School.

The reserve is undeveloped and is largely grazed. The area adjacent to the school is used as a community recycling centre. A water treatment plant is also located here.



Address	16 Fairfield Road, Fairton
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NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	4.0000
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 47253
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve is made up of one land parcel which is held as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

The land was acquired by Ashburton County Council in 1985.

Occupation/ Leases (as at January 2024)

The following occupation agreements apply to the reserve:

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Grazing Licence	Licence to Occupy	31/10/2026

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Part of the reserve is used as a recycling plant and water treatment. The current purpose does not reflect this activity.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Consider reclassifying part of the reserve that houses the community recycling centre and water treatment plan as Local Purpose (Utility) Reserve.
2. Contemplate leases and licences within existing footprints on recreation reserve land for:
 - Farming, Grazing or Afforestation.

3. Investigate opportunities to create a neighbourhood/ community park at Fairfield Road Reserve if a need is established, and work with the community on more detailed planning and design of this space.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Potential to improve open space provision in Fairton by developing part of the site for play, sport or community use.

32. Friedlander Park

Description

Friedlander Park is a 5925 m² neighbourhood reserve in Hampstead. It is surrounded on three sides by Cambridge Street, Nelson Street and Oxford Street. The reserve features two separate play areas and mature trees.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Nelson Street, Hampstead
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood

Total Size (in ha)	0.5925
Legal Description	Lots 245 to 249 DP 395
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

The reserve was originally the site of a school, which changed names multiple times (Ashburton Borough Side School, Hampstead School and Ashburton East School).



Figure 3 Hampstead School, ca 1930

For additional information about the school site, including the building layout and photos, see Hampstead School Centennial.

A tree stump at south-eastern corner is the remains of the oak planted to mark the end of World War 1.

The reserve is Crown-derived land. Gazette notice 1964 p 2021 set aside the land for recreation purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Land Act and declared it to be public domain subject to the provisions of Part

III of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 and form part of Ashburton Domain and to be administered by the Ashburton Domain Board. The powers of the Domain Board were given to the Borough of Ashburton through NZ Gazette 1889 p 2019.

Gazette notice 1980 p 2267 classified the land parcel as Recreation Reserve.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Trees in the reserve are aging and consideration needs to be given to safety, as well as replacement plantings.
- No seating is provided for caregivers taking their children to the playground in the reserve.
- No all-weather access to playground i.e. no pathway.

Specific policies

None identified.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- At end of asset life of play equipment, redevelop the playground, consolidate equipment, improve play value, provide play for a wider age and ability range of children.
- Potential site for youth provision e.g. basketball half court.
- Provide seating.
- New path through reserve connecting playgrounds.

33. Geoff Geering Drive Linkage

Description

Geoff Geering Drive Linkage is a small grassed park and esplanade reserve, which, together with Braebrook Drive Linkage (on the opposite side of the creek) provides a walking connection between Braebrook Drive and Geoff Geering Drive in Netherby.



Address	Geoff Geering Drive, Netherby
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NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.1553

Two land parcels make up this reserve, both are held under the Reserve Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 62 DP 524030	Recreation Reserve
Lot 63 DP 524030	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for local purpose and recreation reserve [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Install signage to identify this as a local reserve and walking connection.
- There are opportunities to undertake riparian planting on Lot 63 DP 524030 to improve water quality within the adjacent water race. Plantings need to comply with the provisions of the Water

Race Bylaw, to ensure continued access to the water race for maintenance purposes.

- Undertake additional planting of trees or low growing native vegetation on Lot 62 DP 524030 to improve biodiversity and increase shade.

34. Grigg Park

Description

Grigg Park is a large undeveloped reserve situated along the eastern banks of the Ashburton / Hakatere River.

Mill Creek Pony Club occupies the largest area of this reserve with land for grazing and an arena. The esplanade reserve adjacent to the pony club is largely vegetated and includes a section of the Ashburton / Hakatere River Trail. The trail is an easy walk or cycle which follows the Ashburton River from Melrose Road to the sea at Hakatere.

A small reserve area is separated from the majority of the reserve through unformed legal road (Leeston Street).



Address	21 Leeston Street, Hampstead
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	12.3956

The reserve area is made up of three separate land parcels, two of which are classified reserves under the Reserves Act 1977. The third land parcel is held as open space under the Local Government Act.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 1 DP 444972	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 2 DP 444972	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve
Lot 2 DP 496587	Recreation Reserve

Background

Lot 1 DP 444972 was acquired by Ashburton District Council and is held under the Local Government Act in fee simple.

Lot 2 DP 444972 vested in Ashburton District Council on subdivision as Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve in 2012. It is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Lot 2 DP 496587 also vested in Ashburton District Council on subdivision for the purpose of Recreation Reserve.

Lot 2 DP 444972 and Lot 2 DP 496587 were classified in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

The following occupation agreements apply to the reserve:

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Ashburton Pony Club Mill Creek Branch	Licence to occupy	Expired

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Formalise the use of the land by Mill Creek Pony Club in line with the general policies in Volume 1.
2. Protect the values of the adjacent Hakatere River through appropriate management of the land.
3. Consider potential opportunities for riparian plantings to protect the values of the Hakatere River.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Consider upgrading the existing shared path.

35. Hillier Park

Description

Hillier Park is a neighbourhood reserve in Allenton. It has a preschool to intermediate age playground. Mature trees are planted throughout the reserve. Aside from signage which identifies this as a reserve, there is no park furniture in the reserve.



The reserve consists of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Hillier Place, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.2030
Legal Description	Lot 20 DP 34354
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

The reserve is Crown-derived land. New Zealand Gazette 1975 p 1575 sets aside the land as reserve for recreation purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Land Act and further to the provisions of Part III of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 and vested the land in Ashburton Borough Council [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Trees in the reserve are aging and consideration needs to be given to safety, as well as replacement plantings
- No seating is provided for caregivers taking their children to the playground in the reserve.
- No all-weather access to playground i.e. no pathway.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- At end of asset life of play equipment, redevelop the playground, consolidate equipment, improve play value, provide play for a wider range of age and abilities of children.
- Develop formed path to playground.
- Provide seating.

36. Magnolia Drive Park

Description

Magnolia Drive Park consist of three separate land parcels, which all adjoin the land owned by Hampstead Rugby and All Sports Club. Res 4353 DP 13311, located on Bridge Street, provides access to the Hampstead Rugby Club land and contains a utility building. The two land parcels located off Magnolia Drive are largely undeveloped.



Address	Magnolia Drive, Hampstead
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood

Total Size (in ha)	0.2591
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The reserve consists of two land parcels, which are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Res 4434 DP 11884	Recreation Reserve
Lot 503 DP 455115	Recreation Reserve

Background

Lot 503 DP 455115 was vested with Ashburton District Council at the time of subdivision of the adjacent land in 2012.

Res 4434 DP 11884 was set aside as Recreation Reserve in 1940, also as part of a subdivision of adjacent land.

All land parcels were formally classified in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies identified.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

37. Mania-O-Roto Park

Description

Mania-O-Roto Park is a large recreation and ecological linkage reserve in Hampstead. The reserve connects the adjacent Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park with Grigg Park. It forms part of the Ashburton / Hakatere River Trail. The trail is an easy walk or cycle which follows the Ashburton River from Melrose Road to the sea at Hakatere.



The adjacent Mania-O-Roto Scout Park is privately owned and not part of the scope of this plan.

Address	2 Chalmers Avenue, Hampstead
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	2.8106

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, which are subject to the Reserve Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 34 DP 409985	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve
Res 3181 SO 4753	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve

Background

Lot 34 DP 409985 was vested in Ashburton District Council via subdivision, as Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve.

Res 3181 SO 4753 was vested in Ashburton County Council for river protection purposes via NZ Gazette 1898 p 654 and 655 and classified as Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve in April 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)/Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Protect the values of the adjacent Ashburton / Hakatere River through appropriate management of the land.
2. Consider potential opportunities for riparian plantings to protect the values of the Ashburton / Hakatere River.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

38. Miller Avenue Park

Description

Miller Avenue Park is a small neighbourhood reserve in Allenton. It provides a green open space for visual amenity and has some mature trees.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	32 Miller Avenue, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.0809
Legal Description	Res 4358 DP 10323

Land Status	Recreation Reserve
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Background

This reserve was created through subdivision in 1934 via DP 10323 and vested in the Crown. Subsequently the appellation of the land was changed to Res 4358.

In 1941 Res 4358 was vested in Ashburton County Council through NZ Gazette 1941 p 2019.

The land was classified in in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

No development opportunities identified.

39. Mona Square

Description

Mona Square is a fully surrounded by Kermode and Cass Streets. The perimeter of the open space is lined with mature trees. It also provides a large, flat open grassed area and a playground suitable for preschool and primary school aged children. Legally, the land remains held as road. The land has been included in this plan due to its significant open space function.



Address	Mona Square, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Civic Space Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.9518
Legal Description	Legal road

Background

Mona Square dates back to the founding of Ashburton, when it was included in the towns original survey plan (survey plan 311) in 1864.

The site was set apart as part of the street network.



Figure 4 Survey Plan 311 from 1864, showing the layout of proposed parks and garden in Ashburton, as well Mona Square in south-east and Baring Square East and West

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation but the site is used by the Fire Brigade for training purposes and contains some water connection points for this purpose.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The land is held as legal road and contains portions of the surrounding streets.
- Pedestrian access to the open space via the adjacent road is difficult and not safe.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Survey off area used as open space and undertake road stopping process in line with legal requirements (under Local Government Act 1974 or Public Works Act 1981).
2. Manage the land as open space and consider declaring the land to be reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and classifying it appropriately.
3. Work with the Roding Team to provide a safe pedestrian access to the open space.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Provide additional play equipment for older children.
- Submissions during the first round of community consultation suggested to install adult fitness equipment, a path for walkers and additional seating and tables.

40. North Park Reserve

Description

North Park Reserve is a large recreational and ecological linkage reserve. It stretches from the corner of Bremners Road along State Highway 1 to the intersection with JB Cullen Drive. Res 4433 SO 7297 provides amenity and recreational opportunities with off road walking and cycling opportunities. A car parking area is also provided. Large areas of the reserve are planted in exotic trees, some pines.

Section 1 SO 557301 largely provides for visual amenity. This is where the pavillion/ kiosk is located.



Address	State Highway 1, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	9.3662

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, one is subject to the Reserve Act 1977, one subject to the Local Government Act.

Legal Description	Land Status
Sec 1 SO 557301	Held under Local Government Act
Res 4433 SO 7297	Local Purpose (Amenity) Reserve

Background

Section 1 SO 557301 was acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990s. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1897.

Res 4433, is Crown derived land, which was permanently reserved in December 1941 (NZ Gazette 1941 p 3946) for plantation purposes, after having been temporarily reserved earlier that year for the same purpose (NZ Gazette 1941 p 3241, October 1941).

A land title from 1942 shows that the land is held in trust by Ashburton County Council and the land is subject to Section 9 of the Public Domains and National Parks Act 1928.

Res 4433 SO 7297 was classified in in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Consider development / upgrade of an off-road walking and cycling path on the land in line with the proposed walking and cycling projects in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Provide seating and picnic areas in the reserve.

41. Osborn Grove Park

Description

Osborn Grove Park is a small neighbourhood reserve in Allenton. It provides some amenity green open space and mature trees.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	14 Osborn Grove, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.0862
Legal Description	Lot 29 DP 25753
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

The reserve is Crown-derived land. Gazette notice 1976 p 1575 set aside the land as reserve for recreation purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Land Act and vested the land in trust in Ashburton Borough Council.

The land was classified in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Consider whether this open space is required as part of a provision analysis of open space in the Allenton area.

Development opportunities

No development opportunities identified.

42. Parkland at 2 Havelock Street

Description

Parkland at 2 Havelock Street is a small area of open space that largely serves amenity purposes. Some mature trees are located in the park.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is held under the Local Government Act in fee simple.

Address	2 Havelock Street
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.3162
Legal Description	Section 1210 – 1212 Town of Ashburton

Land Status	Held under the Local Government Act
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Background

This land was reserved for municipal purposes and vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashburton by Gazette 1880 page 1291 under the provision of the Reserves Act Amendment Act 1878.

As land vested in the Ashburton Borough Council “or “Municipal purposes” prior to 1 April 1929 and is not considered to be a reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977 (Supreme Court Judgement Cromwell Borough v Skinner (1950 NZLR 765).

A water tower was once located on the park (see image on next page).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop interpretative signage at the site as Havelock Street Park.



Figure 5 Water tower in Ashburton, image not dated

43. Parkland at 475 West Street

Description

The Parkland at 475 West Street in Ashburton is made up of two land parcels stretching from the intersection of Bremners Road to just south of the intersection with Saunders Road. The area is undeveloped, largely grassed, with some mature trees.



Address	475 West Street, Allenton
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NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.4813

One of the land parcels (Lot 8 DP 58673) is subject to the Reserves Act 1977, the second one (Section 7 SO 557301) is subject to the Local Government Act.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 8 DP 58673	Local Purpose (Amenity) Reserve
Sec 7 SO 557301	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Section 7 SO 557301 was acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990's. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in Ashburton District Council in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1897.

Lot 8 DP 58673 was vested in Ashburton District Council as Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve via subdivision in 1991 [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Sec 7 SO 557301 under the Local Government Act as land acquired for development of 'public amenity' and continue to manage as open space.

2. Consider development of an off-road walking and cycling path on the land in line with the proposed walking and cycling projects in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.

Development opportunities

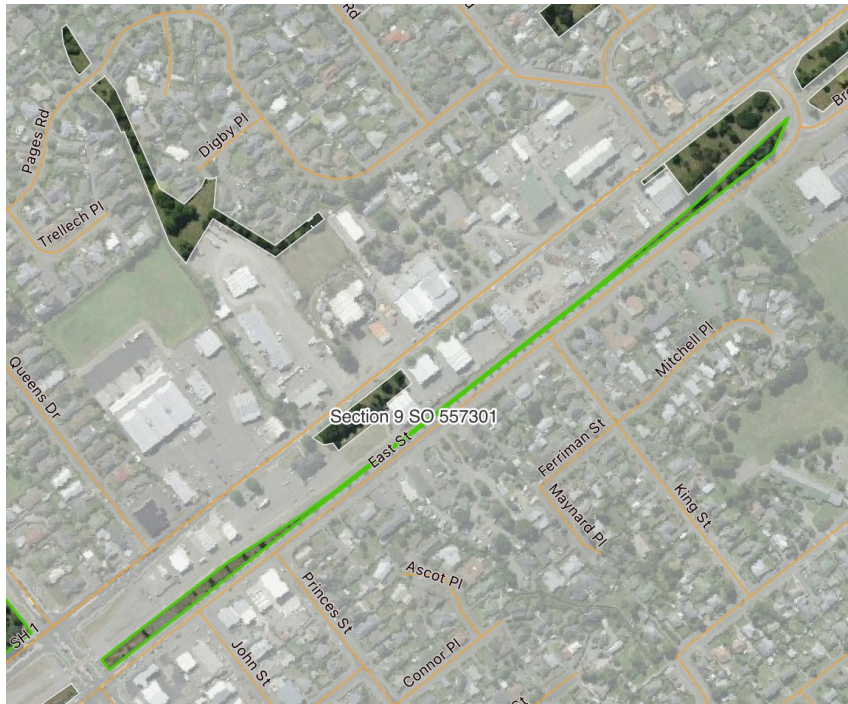
The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage (West Street Park).
- Consider providing parks furniture.

44. Parkland at 828 East Street

Description

Parkland at 828 East Street is a long and narrow area of open space which stretches from the intersection of Bremners Road to the Walnut Avenue intersection along East Street. It provides for visual amenity, with some mature and some recently planted trees. A self-contained vehicle waste dump station is located on the open space, opposite the intersection with John Street.



The open space is made up of one land parcel and is subject to the Local Government Act.

Address	828 East Street, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.5781
Legal Description	Section 9 SO 557301
Land Status	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Section 9 SO 557301 was acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990s. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1898.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Section 9 SO 557301 under the Local Government Act as land acquired for development of public amenity' and continue to manage as open space.
2. Consider development of an off-road walking and cycling path on the land in line with the proposed walking and cycling projects in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage (East Street Park).
- Provide seating.

45. Parkland at Bremners Road

Description

Parkland at Bremners Road is made up of four separate land parcels, in two separate areas. The eastern area stretches along Bremners Road, opposite Ashburton Cemetery. The western area is at the intersection of Bremners Street and East Street. The open space, with its grassed areas and trees, provides visual amenity.

The green space between the two areas of land, is not included in the scope of this plan, as they are held for railway and road purposes.



Address	Bremners Road, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.6633

The land is held for public amenity open space under the Local Government Act.

Legal Description	Land Status
Section 3 SO 557301 (Area B SO Plan 19618, Pt RES 2909)	Held under Local Government Act
Area P SO Plan 19618 (Pt RES 2909)	Held under Local Government Act
Area A SO Plan 19618 (Part Res 1450)	Held under Local Government Act
Area O SO Plan 19618 (Pt RES 1775)	Held under Local Government Act

Background

All land parcels were acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990's. The land was gazetted as 'Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity' and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1898.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain all four land parcels under the Local Government Act as 'land acquired for development of public amenity' and continue to manage as open space.

2. Contemplate licences for commercial use by mobile vendors e.g. for operation of food trucks or coffee carts, in line with the general policies in Volume 1 of this Plan and relevant legislation.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage (Bremners Road Park).
- Provide seating areas as appropriate.

46. Parkland at Corner State Highway 1 and Kermod Street

Description

Parkland at the corner SH1 and Kermod Street, also referred to as Millstone Reserve, is a pocket park at the corner of State Highway 1, Dobson Street West and Kermod Street. It provides for visual amenity and has two mature trees. An old millstone with a plaque is also located here. It commemorates the milling industry once located in the area.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserve Act 1977.

Address	West Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.0330
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 64211
Land Status	Local Purpose (Beautification) Reserve

Background

This reserve was likely created as part of the creation of adjacent roads and vested in Ashburton District Council as a beautification reserve. [The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop interpretative signage for the site (Millstone Reserve).

47. Patching Street Park

Description

Patching Street Park is a 7778 m² neighbourhood reserve. The reserve is largely undeveloped, but has a number of maturing trees. It is an off-leash dog exercise area.



Address	Albert Street, Netherby
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.7778

The open space is made up of 10 separate land parcels, all of which are subject to the Local Government Act and owned by Ashburton District Council.

Legal Description	Land Status
Part Lot 15 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 2 DP 23070	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 1 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 2 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Lot 3 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Part Lot 4 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Part Lot 10 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Part Lot 11 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Part Lot 14 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act
Part Lot 18 DP 478	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Part of the land was created through subdivision under Section 107 of the Land Transfer Act 1870 in 1898 (DP 478).

Lot 2 DP 23070 was created through subdivision in the 1960s. In the 1950's the area was used as a rubbish tip.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Provide some seating in the park.

48. Pioneer Park

Description

Pioneer Park is a neighbourhood reserve located at the corner of Kermode and William Ashburton, with open road frontages from both streets. The reserve is surrounded by mature trees.

A narrow unformed accessway adjacent to 27 Chalmers Avenue also provides access to the reserve. This accessway is legal road, but is providing an open space function.

This reserve was Ashburton’s first cemetery and many of the early European settlers of the Ashburton District are buried here.



A large memorial has been erected in the reserve in memory of early settlers of the Ashburton District, which have been laid to rest in the reserve. A number of old headstones remain in the reserve.

The area is used as an off-leash dog exercise area.

The reserve consists of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977. An area of legal road provides access to Chalmers Ave.

Address	140 Kermode Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Cultural
Total Size (in ha)	0.6677
Legal Description	Pt Res 298 SO 8815
Land Status	Local Purpose (Historic Cemetery) Reserve

Background

The cemetery was established in 1864 (Canterbury Provincial Gazette 1864 p 84) and was vested in the Ashburton Borough Council in trust for that purpose in 1915 (NZ Gazette 1915 p 276) under the provisions of the Reserves and Domains Act.

The Ashburton Borough Cemeteries Act 1955 formally closed the cemetery and vested the land in Ashburton Borough Council as a public reserve. At this time Council removed headstones, monuments and graves. Under the provision of the Act, the land was planted in ornamental trees, shrubs and gardens and is to be kept tidy. A memorial was erected on the land.

A record of the names of all persons known to be buried on the land is kept by Council.

[The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Current use of the reserve as dog exercise area is not fully in line with the Dog Control Bylaw, which prohibits dogs in cemeteries (open and closed).

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Advocate for the removal of Pioneer Park from the list of dog exercise areas within the Ashburton District Dog Control Bylaw³.
2. Advocate for the development of a formed pathway from Chalmers Avenue and installation of wayfinding signage by the ADC Roading team.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop interpretative signage at the site.

³ Dog control is not an issue in scope of this plan, but instead subject to the Dog Control Bylaw.

49. Sealy Street Park

Description

Sealy Street Park is a small triangle of amenity open space at the corner of Sealy Street, Winter Street and Havelock Street.



The land is held under the Local Government Act.

Address	Sealy Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.0531
Legal Description	Section 657 Town Of Ashburton

Land Status	Held under Local Government Act
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Background

The land, formerly referred to as Reserve 765, was reserved for municipal purposes and was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Ashburton.

As land vested in the Ashburton Borough Council for 'Municipal purposes' prior to 1 April 1929 and is not considered to be a reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977 (Supreme Court Judgement Cromwell Borough v Skinner (1950 NZLR 765).

Originally the site at the north-western corner was part of the Western Fire Brigade fire station and bell tower. The building was moved to the Borough Council yard, when the brigade merged with the Ashburton Brigade. The bell tower was re-sited for a time at the eastern point as a repeater for the main bell.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Section 657 Town Of Ashburton under the Local Government Act and continue to manage as open space.

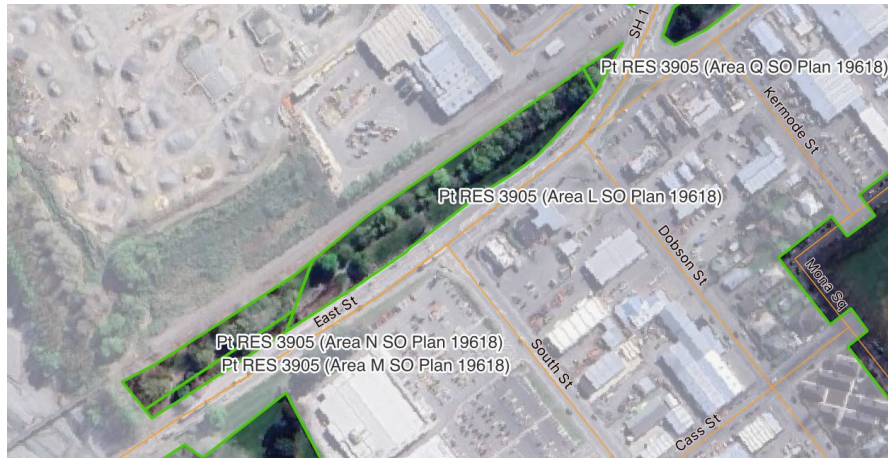
Development opportunities

No development opportunities identified.

50. SH1 Ashburton River North East

Description

SH1 Ashburton River North East stretches from the Dobson Street West intersection to the Ashburton River / Hakatere bridge. The reserve features mature trees and a shared walking and cycling path, as well as a memorial (to Turton’s Accommodation House) and gravelled carparking area.



Address	East Street, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	1.3057

The open space is made up of four separate land parcels, all of which are subject to the Local Government Act.

Legal Description	Land Status
Area M SO 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area N SO 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area Q SO 19618	Held under Local Government Act
Area L SO 19618	Held under Local Government Act

Background

Areas L, M, N, Q SO 19619 were acquired by Ashburton District Council from the Crown/ Kiwirail in the 1990s. The land was gazetted as ‘Land Acquired for Development of Public Amenity’ and formally vested in ADC in 2000 through NZ Gazette 2000 p 1897.

The reserve was once the site of Turton’s Accommodation House, Ashburton’s first European building. A historic places memorial is located here to acknowledge this.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Retain Areas L, M, N, Q SO 19618 under the Local Government Act as land acquired for development of public amenity and continue to manage as open space.
2. Consider upgrade of the off-road walking and cycling path on the land in line with the proposed walking and cycling projects in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage (Ashburton River / Hakatere Bridge Park).
- Provide seating and parks furniture as appropriate.

51. EA Networks Centre Open Space Smallbone Drive Reserve

Description

EA Networks Centre Open Space Smallbone Drive Reserve is made up of seven separate land parcels.



Address	River Terrace, Ashburton
NZRA Reserve Category	Sport and Recreation Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	27.7333

EA Networks Centre itself includes a pool, indoor and outdoor courts, stadium, gym and which. The Centre also provides communal office space (Sports House) for local sports organisations to share resources. There is also an outdoor gym area.

The open space includes the area referred to as Smallbone Drive Reserve, Part RS 40632, where the newly established disc golf course is located. This area is also an off-leash dog exercise area.

The table below outlines the land status of the five land parcels that make up of this reserve, all of which are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Part RS 40632	Recreation Reserve
Sec 3 SO 20137 (Part RS 40630)	Recreation Reserve
Part RS 40969 SO 10040 (includes Area F SO 18959)	Recreation Reserve
RS 40629 (SO 14794)	Local Purpose (Soil Conservation and River Control) Reserve
Sec 1 SO 439418	Recreation Reserve

Background

Part RS 40632, Section 3 SO 20Feast s137 (Part RS 40630), Part RS 40969 SO 10040 and RS 40629 (SO 14794) were part of the north branch of the Ashburton River, defined as Reserve 1923, on SO 4411. The land was subsequently defined as Reserve 4605 on SO 8306 and set apart for river conservation purposes by Gazette 1953 page 832. Control of Res 4605 was then vested in the South Canterbury Catchment Board by Gazette

1953 page 901. The powers and authorities of the South Canterbury Catchment Board were passed to Canterbury Regional Council by authority of the Local Government (Canterbury Region) Reorganisation Order 1989 (section 16), published in Gazette 1989 pages 2296 to 2303.

SO 14794 subsequently defined parts of Reserve 4605 as RS 40629 (5670 m²), RS 40630 (9.2ha), and RS 40969 and RS 40632 (3.1200 ha).

RS 40629 was classified as Local Purpose (soil conservation and river control) reserve by Gazette 1998 page 69. It remains held for this purpose. Administration for the reserve still formally remains with Canterbury Regional Council.

NZ Gazette 1984 p 2768 (1) revoked the appointment of the South Canterbury Catchment Board over RS 40632 and RS 40630. NZ Gazette 1984 p 2768 (2) classified both land parcels as Recreation Reserve. NZ Gazette 1984 p 2769 vests both land parcels in Ashburton Borough Council.

Part of RS 40632 was set apart for road purposes, reducing the size of the land parcel to 3.0278 ha (NZ Gazette 2010 p 377 – balance parcel). This area remains vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purpose.

Subdivision of RS 40630 created Sec 3 SO 20137 (now 7.9180 ha). This land remains vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purpose.

RS 40969 was defined on SO 10040. The land was re-defined through SO 18959 in 2013. Areas C and E of SO 18959 (1383 m²) were taken for road (NZ Gazette 2013 p 1099). The remainder of RS 40969 was amalgamated with Area F SO 18959 through the same gazette notice and declared public reserve. The land, now Part RS 40969 (5670 m²), is vested in Ashburton District Council and is unclassified reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Sec 1 SO 439418 was vested in Ashburton District Council via NZ Gazette 2011 p 1636 for Local Purpose (Recreation) Reserve. ~~The land remains unclassified.~~ The land was classified in 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Additional land to north of existing centre was set aside for sports. A Recreation Facilities Study from 2023 identifies this as a potential site for additional courts.
- Extension of pool hours (out of scope of this plan).
- Entrance at EA Networks Sports Centre is too narrow, leading to safety issues for busses, cyclists and pedestrians during sporting events.
- RS 40629 SO 14794 appears to be still vested in Canterbury Regional Council due to it having formerly been part of the stream bed.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Develop the reserve in line with an approved development plan (at the time of writing this plan, a development plan was being consulted on).
2. Consider development of an off-road trail on the land in line with the project proposed in the Ashburton District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.
3. Explore the development of the open space around the EA Networks Centre to enhance opportunities for spontaneous play, as a pathway

to recreation and sports at the centre, e.g., playground, pop-up play, scooter track, walkway.

4. Work with the Department of Conservation to update the vesting of RS 40629 SO 14794 in Ashburton District Council and consider reclassifying as Recreation Reserve, to better reflect its current primary purpose.

Development opportunities

To be determined in development plan.

52. Smitheram Street Park

Description

Smitheram Street Park is a 3035 m² neighbourhood reserve in Allenton. The reserve has two entrances with the main entrance on Smitheram Street. The second entrance is via a narrow accessway located between 112 and 114 Windsor Street. The reserve features some mature trees, but other than that is undeveloped.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Smitheram Street, Allenton
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NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.3035
Legal Description	Lot 48 DP 13573
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created in 1948 through subdivision under the Municipal Corporations Act 1933 for the purpose of Recreation Reserve. Following the commencement of the Reserves Act 1977, the land was automatically classified as a Recreation Reserve in line with section 16(11)(b) of the Act.

The site was originally part of Stephenson's 6 acre Bleak House Property.



Figure 6 Image of Bleak House, ca 1906

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Potential encroachment onto accessway on Windsor Street by neighbouring property.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Encroachment to be addressed in line with relevant policies in Volume 1 of this plan.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Consider development of a formed walkway through the reserve, connecting Smitheram and Windsor Streets.
- Provide parks furniture.

53. Tucker Street Park

Description

Tucker Street Park is a small neighbourhood reserve, which provides for visual amenity and some mature trees. The reserve includes a narrow accessway from Middle Road (located between 62 and 64 Middle Road).



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	Middle Road, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.1425
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 50331

Land Status	Recreation Reserve
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Background

This reserve was likely created as part of the subdivision of surrounding land [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Develop a formed walking/ cycling connection through the reserve.
- Provide seating in the reserve.

54. Turton Green Linkages

Description

Turton Green Linkages is located in Allenton. The reserve is made up of four land parcels, one of which is separated from the others by Hanrahan Street. The reserve includes a formed footpath, which follows Wakanui Creek and landscaped areas adjacent to the creek. The small planted area opposite 2 Ayers Green and Hanrahan Street, which includes a utility area, is not within scope of the plan.



Address	Hanrahan Street, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood

	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	1.1059

The reserve is made up of four separate land parcels, which are all subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 200 DP 470903	Recreation Reserve
Lot 201 DP 470903	Recreation Reserve
Lot 202 DP 454059	Recreation Reserve
Lot 12 DP 558174	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve

Background

These linkages were created through subdivisions and vested in Ashburton District Council.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

55. West Street Mill Creek

Description

West Street Mill Creek is a small open space located at 414 West Street in Allenton. It provides for visual amenity in an otherwise largely industrial and commercial part of Ashburton. Mature trees are located in the reserve. Wakanui Creek flows through the site.



Address	414 West Street, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.2726

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, which are subject to the Reserve Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 3 DP 66335	Recreation Reserve
Lot 4 DP 58673	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes. [The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Encroachment issues in relation to Lot 3 DP 66335.

Specific policies

The following specific policies apply:

1. Encroachment to be addressed in line with relevant policies in Volume 1 of this plan.

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Consider undertaking low growing riparian planting adjacent to Wakanui Creek.

56. Westpark Close Park

Description

Westpark Close Park is a small neighbourhood reserve in Allenton. The reserve has not been developed, apart from a small number of trees planted here.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	14 Westpark Close, Allenton
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.0903

Legal Description	Lot 26 DP 354132
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was likely created as part of the subdivision of surrounding land [and classified in 2024](#).

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- Some encroachment from neighbouring property to west.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
Provide parks furniture and undertake additional low growing plantings/ landscaping.

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57. Huntingdon Ave Playground Reserve

Description

Huntingdon Ave Playground Reserve is a 9394 m² landscaped neighbourhood reserve which features a playground and some outdoor fitness equipment. A footpath in the reserve provides a green link through the neighbourhood and connects two reserve areas which are part of the Lake Hood Village Green Residential Development (see separate section of this plan).



Address	Torbay Avenue, Lake Hood
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.9394
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 496676
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council. [The land was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

58. Huntingdon Ave to West Bay Place Walkway

Description

Huntingdon Ave to West Bay Place Walkway is a 6012 m² linkage reserve. A footpath in the reserve provides a green link through the neighbourhood from West Bay Place to Huntingdon Avenue, adjacent to one of the channels of Lake Hood.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is held in fee simple under the Local Government Act.

Address	Huntingdon Ave, Lake Hood
NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.6012
Legal Description	Lot 211 DP 495972
Land Status	Held under Local Government Act

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

59. Lake Hood Drive Reserves

Description

Lake Hood Drive Reserves is made up of three separate land parcels, all located along Lake Hood Drive. The reserves provide access to the lake edge via walkways, as well as connections between neighbouring streets.



Address	Lake Hood Drive, Lake Hood
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.4380

The reserve of made up of three land parcels, which are all subject to the Reserve Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 303 DP 558090	Recreation Reserve
Lot 304 DP 558090	Recreation Reserve
Lot 305 DP 558090	Local Purpose (Utility) Reserve

Background

Lot 303 and 305 DP 558090 were created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation and local purposes.

Lot 304 DP 558090 was also vested in Ashburton District Council, but is not subject to the Reserves Act 1977. It was declared reserve and classified for recreation purposes in June 2024.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.

60. Torbay Avenue Reserve

Description

Torbay Avenue Reserve is recreational reserve, which provides boating access for small crafts to Lake Hood. The reserve also includes a hard stand area, with a basketball hoop. Some tree planting has been undertaken.

A portion of the reserve on the eastern boundary is used for stormwater management purposes. The reserve also contains a stand of letter boxes for 20-30 nearby properties.



The reserve is made up of one land parcel, which is a classified Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

Address	8 A Torbay Avenue, Lake Hood
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.4380
Legal Description	Lot 200 DP 368233
Land Status	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes. [It was classified in 2024.](#)

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The site is not identified as reserve for public use.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as reserve for public use through signage.
- Install seating.
- Carry out additional planting/ landscaping.

61. Village Green - Lake Hood Linkages

Description

Village Green - Lake Hood Linkages are two small linkage reserves, which provide a connection from Village Green Drive to Huntingdon Ave Playground Reserve located on Huntingdon Ave.



Address	Village Green Drive, Lake Hood
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NZRA Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Total Size (in ha)	0.1987

The reserve is made up of two land parcels, which are subject to the Reserve Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 401 DP 541603	Recreation Reserve
Lot 400 DP 541603	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

None identified.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as local reserve through signage.
- Provide directional signage.

62. Waterton Point Parks

Description

Waterton Point Parks is made up of three separate land parcels, which are all located along the edge of Lake Hood on Waterton Point. The northernmost land parcel (Lot 200 DP 463280) has a boat ramp and car parking area on it and some mature trees. The second land parcel (Lot 306 DP 531824) is a narrow accessway location between two residential properties. The third land parcel (Lot 201 DP 463280), located on the corner of Waterton Point and Lake Hood Drive provides for visual amenity and contains some seating.



Address	Waterton Point, Lake Hood
NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.3338

The reserve is made up of three land parcels, which are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 200 DP 463280	Recreation Reserve
Lot 201 DP 463280	Recreation Reserve
Lot 306 DP 531824	Local Purpose (Amenity) Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The site is not identified as reserve for public use.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as reserve for public use through signage.

63. Witney Lane Reserves

Description

Witney Lane Reserves is made up of three separate land parcels, which are located on both side of Witney Lane and off Halston Close. Two of the land parcels are adjacent to Lake Hood. Lot 2002 DP 311174 provides water access to the lake for small water craft.



Address	Witney Lane, Lake Hood
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NZRA Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Total Size (in ha)	0.3141

The reserve is made up of three separate land parcels, all are subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Legal Description	Land Status
Lot 2001 DP 311174	Recreation Reserve
Lot 2000 DP 311174	Recreation Reserve
Lot 2002 DP 311174	Recreation Reserve

Background

This reserve was created through subdivision and vested in Ashburton District Council for recreation purposes.

Occupation/ Leases (as at April 2023)

No formal occupation.

Key issue(s)

The following key issues are identified:

- The site is not identified as reserve for public use.

Specific policies

No specific policies required.

Development opportunities

The following opportunities have been identified:

- Identify as reserve for public use through signage.