

Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

A meeting of the Ashburton District Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 4 December 2024

Time: 1pm

Venue: Hine Paaka Council Chamber
Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton

Membership

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| Mayor | Neil Brown |
| Deputy Mayor | Liz McMillan |
| Members | Leen Braam |
| | Carolyn Cameron |
| | Russell Ellis |
| | Phill Hooper |
| | Lynette Lovett |
| | Rob Mackle |
| | Tony Todd |
| | Richard Wilson |

Meeting Timetable

| Time | Item |
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| 1.00pm | Council meeting commences |
| 2.50pm | Welcome to new and long-serving staff |

1 Apologies

2 Extraordinary Business

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

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Business Transacted with the Public Excluded

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| 10 | Council – 20/11/24 | | PE 1 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of former Council building site Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities | | |
| | [Now in open meeting] | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award of Contract WATE0283 | | |
| 11 | Ashburton Aviation Museum Society Trust lease | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities | PE 2 |
| 12 | Tender of (prefab) buildings at former Polytech site | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities | PE 45 |
| 13 | Second Ashburton Bridge funding | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities | PE 57 |

4. Council Minutes – 20 November 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 2024, commencing at 1.00pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Tania Paddock (Acting GM Business Support) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Richard Wood (Sport & Recreation Manager), Ellen Nicol (Recreation Services Manager), Jill Watson (Library Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisor), Michael Wong (Building Manager), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager) and Renee Julius (Property Manager).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 20 – Cr Ellis gave notice he will withdraw from the meeting.

Presentations

EA Shareholder Committee – 1.26pm-1.57pm.

Waitaha PHO Board – 2.30pm-2.50pm

Public Forum – Basketball Mid Canterbury

Mark Douglas, the President of Basketball Mid Canterbury spoke in support of upgrading the EA Networks Centre scoreboards. Basketball Mid Canterbury regularly hosts national tournaments and the reliability of the equipment is vital to ensure these events continue. The events have high attendance and bring significant financial benefit to the district.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

- **Council – 30/10/24**

Item 7 Note the show of hands gave 5 for and 4 against.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 October 2024, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 23/10/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 23 October 2024.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

6 Stockwater Transition Working Group – 31/10/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on 31 October 2024.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

7 EA Networks Centre – scoreboard project timing

That Council approves bringing forward the scoreboard replacement project budget from Year 2 to Year 1 (2024-25) in the current Long-term Plan.

Braam/Todd

Carried

Cr Mackle recorded his vote against the motion.

EA Shareholders Committee update

EA Networks Shareholders Committee Chair Robert Newlands introduced Council's appointed representatives Kate Templeton and Gary Wilson. The Group provided an overview of the Company's activities (*ppt presentation circulated*).

8 Visitor Experience Code of Conduct

That Council approves the Visitor Experience Code of Conduct for use in Te Whare Whakatare, Ashburton Library & Civic Centre, EA Networks Centre and the Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum.

Lovett/Hooper

Carried

9 Appeal – Environment Canterbury Representation Review 2024

That Council approves the appeal to Environment Canterbury's Representation Review 2024 final proposal, as attached in Appendix 1.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

10 Adoption of Solid Waste Management & Minimisation Bylaw

1. **That** Council adopts the Ashburton District Council Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2018 (as set out in Appendix 1) effective from 29 November 2024.
2. **That** Council advises submitters and interested parties of the outcome of the consultation process and deliberations feedback.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

11 Discretionary Grant Application – Barrhill Community Society

Officers will ask the Hall Society whether it's an option to place the defibrillator outside the hall for easier access.

That Council allocates \$3,450 from its discretionary grant to the Barrhill Hall & Community Incorporated Society for an Automated External Defibrillator and Cabinet package to be stationed at the Barrhill community hall.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

Waitaha PHO Board

Board members David Matthews and Dr Esther Avnit provided an update on the challenges being faced in the health sector and general practice, including the difficulties that practices have meeting their after-hours requirements. With the support of Health NZ, a tele-health system was established and continues.

The recruitment and retention of GPs in the district is a significant challenge. Health NZ supported some of the costs associated with a GP recruitment campaign and good results have started to be seen. Dr Avnit commented on the importance of promoting the district as a positive place to live so that health practitioners are encouraged to come and stay.

12 Submission to MBIE on remote building inspections

That Council approves the submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on remote inspections as attached in Appendix 1.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

13 Lake Clearwater Memorandum of Understanding

1. **That** Council enters into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association on the terms contained in Appendix 1.
2. **That** Council appoints Councillors McMillan and Cameron to attend the annual meeting between representatives of the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association and Council that is anticipated by clause 7.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Lovett/Wilson

Carried

14 Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

The Roding Manager reported that no objections were received and the Traffic Management Plan has been approved.

That Council permits the temporary road closure of Somerton Road, between Coplands Road and Jamiesons Road, on Saturday 14 December 2024, to from 9am to 4.30pm allow the Standing Quarter Mile Sprint Meeting to be held.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

15 Councillors' Report

That the Councillors' report be received.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

16 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.13pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| Item No | General subject of each matter to be considered: | In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter: | |
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| 17 | Council – 30/10/24 • People & Capability report • Ashburton Business Estate [Now in open meeting] • Lethams Rd land exchange • Water treatment plant contract | Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h) | Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities |
| 18 | Audit & Risk Committee – 23/10/24 • Health & Safety report | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy of natural persons |
| 19 | Award of Contract WATE0283 – Grit chamber & sewer pipeline | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |

McMillan/Ellis

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Award of Contract WATE0283 – Grit chamber removal and river crossing sewer pipeline renewal 2024-2025**

That Council awards contract WATE0283 – grit chamber removal and river crossing sewer pipeline renewal 2024-2025 to Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of Two Million, Three Hundred and Thirty Thousand and Eighty Two Dollars and forty seven cents (\$2,330,082.47).

Braam/Cameron

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4pm.

Confirmed 4 December 2024

MAYOR

5. *Biodiversity Advisory Group – 4/11/24*

Minutes of a meeting of the Biodiversity Advisory Group held on Monday 4 November 2024, in the Wakanui Room, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton, commencing at 1.00pm.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Councillors Richard Wilson (Acting Chair) and Lynette Lovett; Alice Shanks, Adi Avnit, Edith Smith, Angela Cushnie, Willy Leferink, Kim Wall, Val Clemens, Andy Hirschberg, Tom Munro, Sarah Mason (Synlait), Barry Austin, Donna Field, Ian Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager) and Dr Christian Chukwuka (Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor).

In attendance

Mark Chamberlain (ADC Roading Manager), Lucy Brown (Governance Support) and Linda Clarke (ADC Communications Advisor)

Mel Brooks (MHV Irrigation)

1 Apologies

For lateness: Mayor Neil Brown

For absence: Cr Leen Braam, Ian Fraser, Barry Maister, Gen de Spa, Robb Stevens, Sean Spencer, Janine Holland, Sally Stevens and Mary Ralston

2 Extraordinary Business

Item 7, implications of cats on native biodiversity, will be withdrawn from today's agenda and reported back to the Group at the next meeting in 2025.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cr Richard Wilson – Shareholder of MHV Water Ltd

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 5 August 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Lovett/Avnit

Carried

5 Planting on road reserves for environmental benefits

The Chair welcomed Mel Brooks from MHV who presented their proposal for roadside reserves with the vision to lead the programme in collaboration with Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective through their network of farmers across the district.

Discussion showed general support with further considerations required including conversations with landowners and Council, allowance for water seepage and roading infrastructure vulnerability/deterioration, access to services, accessibility for mowing, passing of stock and related damages, maintenance and upkeep, types of plantings and their benefit, maintenance of adjacent sheltering trees and hedges, future protection of such reserves.

Neil McCann and Mark Chamberlain contributed from a rural road safety perspective with the need for consideration by Council and further related reporting.

Recommendation to Council

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| <p>That Council considers options for native planting on rural road reserves using appropriate native plants with maximum height <1.5 metres.</p> |
| Cushnie/Leferink |
| Carried |

6 **Ashburton River Hakatere Shorebird Habitat Management Strategy 2023-2030**

Donna Field presented the ECan strategy for the protection of shorebirds species and their habitats. Spoke of methods from trapping of predators to signage, fences, the influences of human activities and education, pests (plants and animals). The Strategy includes restrictions on access for vehicles and dogs, construction and maintenance of raised islands for breeding grounds, RDR engagement for managing water releases, investment and feasibility options towards gaining Ramsar Status for the Ashburton River SH1 downstream.

Andy spoke about DOC's bird monitoring projects overseen by their Twizel operations.

That the Biodiversity Advisory Group receives the report.

Clemens/Wilson Carried

8 **Updated threat classification of indigenous plants in the Ashburton District**

Alice referred to the plant list of significance and impacts, with some species showing overall decline. Christian spoke of Matagouri which is no longer threatened or protected. Discussion followed on managing indigenous vegetation the resource consent process.

Andy confirmed that DOC are working to review what the presence of kettle holes would look like for the region, maintenance programmes, wildlife and monitoring going forward.

That the Biodiversity Advisory Group receives the report.

Wilson/Smith Carried

9 **Ecologist / Biodiversity Advisor's Report**

- Meeting dates have been confirmed for 2025, with the first meeting of the Biodiversity Group to be Monday 3 February. This meeting will likely be a fieldtrip. Further information will be provided.
- DOC – have signalled they will be conducting a review of their Action Plan which will go out for consultation.

That the Biodiversity Advisory Group receives the report from the Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor.

Wilson/Brown Carried

10 **Group activity updates**

Department of Conservation (Andy Hirschberg)

- DOC have received additional funding for the white-bellied skink project (trapping and monitoring) for the next 18 month period. The project is now working to acquire the rest of the infrastructure, trapping team personnel and technical advice for focus around Ōtuwharekai, namely Taylors Range and Harpers Range. Currently behind in monthly trapping schedule having not completed this in October.

Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective (Angela Cushnie & Willy Leferink)

- Implementation of ADC Biodiversity Strategy – Our Natural Place - discussed collaboration for best use of time and resources given shared specific goals. Funding allocations, presentations and educations and awareness.
- Carters Creek – pest control for Ashburton Forks, presence of Old Mans Beard in the Ashburton River with concerns around its management and elimination.

Synlait

- Sarah Mason (On-Farm Biodiversity Lead) was introduced as the new Synlait representative. Sarah spoke about her role and Synlait’s “Grow Programme” making more of a supplier hub through education.

Kanuka Trust (Kim Wall)

- Update on programmes centred around working with schools. Specific programmes include species studies and a big focus on predator control and enquiry. Pleasing to see the programmes creating enthusiastic and passionate participation, bringing the opportunity to create that real depth within our community.

ADC Open Spaces (Ian Soper)

- Update including planting of the wildflower area of the domain and activity surrounding this project.
- To assist with the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting reporting and planning, Ian asked Group members to email their reports / updates at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Fonterra (Tom Munro)

- National roadshows with farmers, centred around creating better efficiencies in farming. Positive and well supported response to engagements. Interest areas being environmental, nutrition focused and support with community funding.

Ashburton Water Zone Committee (Adi Avnit)

- Ashburton Water Zone Committee recently disbursed up to \$50,000 across six biodiversity projects around the district. Seeing an increase in groups approaching the Committee for funding in relation to trapping programmes. Many groups are not aware of other streams for funding available and there is a need to create community awareness of this.

Mt Somers Walkway Society (Barry Austin)

- Trapping and relocation programmes are showing variations in the trapping numbers, especially possums. There’s a need to reduce wasp activity in the area through their baiting programmes.

Environment Canterbury (Donna Field)

- ECan will be conducting bird surveys along the Upper and Lower Hakatere rivers mid to end of November 2024.

Forest & Bird, ACCT (Val Clemens & Edith Smith)

- Harris Reserve planting project - 50 clematis throughout the reserve with the aid of ADC biodiversity funding, and a further 800 kanuka plantings to infill site. Pleasing to see many treated trees recovering in the Pudding Hill stream area.

QEII Trust (Alice Shanks)

- Meeting with a focus on weeding programmes in Te Pirita this Saturday 9 November. Alice welcomed assistance and referred the Group to the website for further information.
- South Rakaia Huts –the Chilean rhubarb needs to be removed.

Rakaia Reserve

- Cr Lovett reported that the Rakaia Reserve Board are looking to hold a working bee in the reserve area between the river and the domain and volunteer support would be welcomed.

Stockwater Transition Plan

- Council will receive a report and adopt the Plan in December. Cr Wilson will provide the Group with updates as the Plan progresses.

11 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Biodiversity Advisory Group is scheduled for Monday 3 February 2025, commencing at 1pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.53pm.

6. Approval of the Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan

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| Author | <i>Nicki Malone, Xyst; Ian Soper; Open Spaces Manager</i> |
| Activity Manager | <i>Ian Soper; Open Spaces Manager</i> |
| Executive Team Member | <i>Neil McCann, Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces</i> |

Summary

- This report is the final step in the development of the Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan 2024 (the Plan). The Plan is a statutory document under the Reserves Act 1977. It has been developed in compliance with the requirement of the Reserves Act, including public consultation above that required by the Reserves Act. The Plan provides a policy framework for the management, use, and protection of reserves in the Ashburton District. Once adopted, the Plan will replace all existing reserve management plans.
- The purpose of this report is to:
 - complete deliberations for Lake Camp, which were postponed pending a Council decision on the Balmacaan Stream diversion.
 - seek approval for the amendments to the draft Plan, as agreed by the hearings panel during deliberations on 5 September 2024.
 - seek approval for the final Plan.
- Recommended changes to the Lake Camp section of the Plan were largely agreed to by the hearings panel at deliberations on 5 September 2024. Based on information provided by some submitters at the hearing, staff recommend to also include additional context in the Plan about the many natural, recreation and scenic values of the reserve, the lake and surrounding area.
- For the approval of the Plan, Council is fulfilling two roles; for recreation reserves held under the Reserves Act, approval by Council is as the administering body of the reserve, for all other types of reserves, approval falls under the delegation from the Minister of Conservation dated June 2013.
- Following adoption, the Plan will be published on Council's website.
- Financial implications from the decisions outlined in this Plan are minimal, with costs for publishing covered by existing budgets. Future funding needs for the

implementation of the Plan will be addressed through annual plan or long-term plan processes.

- Overall, the Plan supports Council's strategic outcomes of providing great spaces, balancing environmental sustainability, and engaging the community.

Recommendations

- 1.** That Council, in its role as hearings panel for the Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan approves recommended changes to the Lake Camp section of the Reserve Management Plan, thereby completing deliberations for Lake Camp.
- 2.** That Council approve the minutes of the deliberations on the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan as a record of the agreements reached by the Hearings Panel on amendments to the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan (Appendix C of the agenda report).
- 3.** That Council approves the final Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan 2024 (Appendices D to H of this report).
- 4.** That Council delegates to the Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces the authority to approve any minor amendments to the Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan 2024 prior to publication.

Attachments

- Appendix A** Full Submissions Summary
Appendix B Reserve Management Plan Deliberations Presentation 5 September 2024
Appendix C Minutes of Hearing and Deliberations 5 September 2024

[Supplemental – circulated with the agenda]

- Appendix D** Volume 1: Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan – General Policies
Appendix E Volume 2: Ashburton Domain and Gardens
Appendix F Volume 3: Reserves managed by Reserve Boards
Appendix G Volume 4: Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves
Appendix H Volume 5: Methven and Rural Reserves
Appendix I Volume 5: Lake Camp (Ōtautari)

Background

Requirement for and Scope of the Reserve Management Plans

1. Ashburton District Council, as the administering body of reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977, has decision-making responsibility for (most) parks and reserves in the district. As an administering body, council has the responsibilities to develop reserve management plans for most types of reserves and the power to approve reserve management plans.
2. The Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan 2024 (the Plan) is a statutory reserve management plan that has been prepared in accordance with section 41 of the RA following an initial resolution by Council in April 2023.
3. As part of the decision to develop the Plan, Council resolved to include parkland held under the Local Government Act 2002 within the Plan.
4. The table below gives an overview of the land in and out of scope of the Plan:

| In Scope | Out of scope |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most land held under the Reserves Act 1977 • Some land held under the Local Government Act 2002 if held for open space purpose and/or adjacent to Reserves Act land. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local purpose reserves held for gravel, plantation or similar purpose – only by exception included in this Plan • Crown managed reserves e.g. Pudding Hill Scenic Reserve • Crown owned land for which there is no management agreement, and the council does not wish to advocate for such agreement e.g. marginal strips. |

Content of the Plan

5. The Plan is presented in five volumes, with appendices as outlined in the figure below:

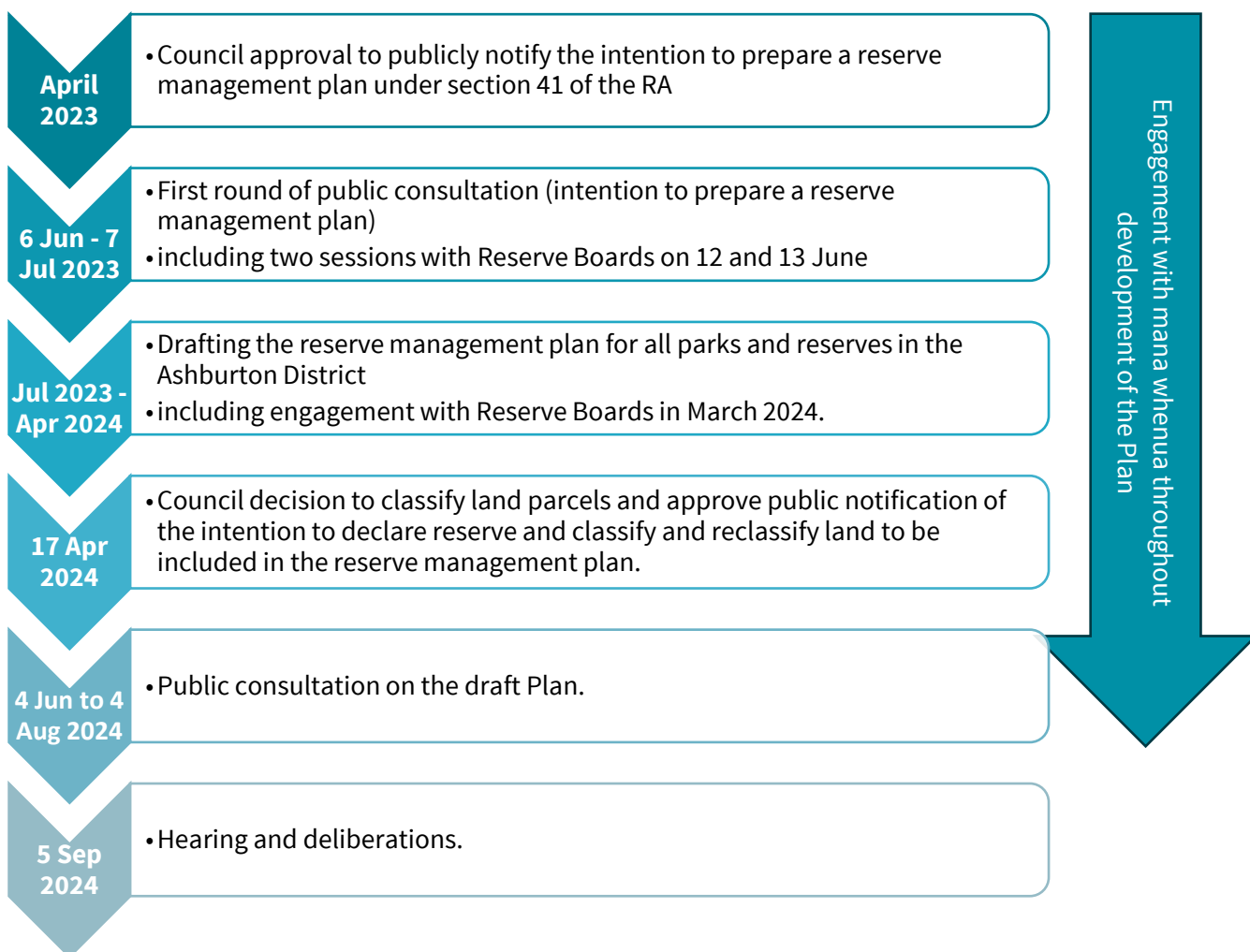
| Volume | Content |
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| Volume 1: General Policies | Policies that apply to all reserves and open space in the District. |
| Volume 2: Ashburton Domain and Gardens | Contains information and policies specific to the Ashburton Domain. |
| Volume 3: Reserves managed by Reserve Boards | Contains information and policies specific to the reserves managed by Domain Boards. |
| Volume 4: Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves | Includes reserves in Ashburton, Tinwald and Lake Hood. |

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| Volume 5: Methven and Rural Reserves | Includes reserves in Methven, Rakaia and rural areas of the District. |
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6. The Plan provides a policy framework to manage use, protection and development of parks and reserves within the district.
7. Once adopted, it will replace all existing reserve management plans for the district.

Timeline for the development of the Reserve Management Plan

8. The timeline below gives an overview of key decisions and actions in developing the Plan.



Hearings and Deliberations

9. The hearing for the draft Plan, conducted on 5 September 2024, was informed by 349 submissions. An analysis of the submissions and staff recommended updates to the draft Plan were prepared for the hearings panel (see Appendix A). The hearings panel comprised all Councillors and was chaired by Councillor Hooper.

10. Twelve submitters requested the opportunity to speak to their submission at a hearing. Ten submitters spoke at the hearing. Of those ten submitters, six appeared in person, three via video link and one providing a video recording to support their submission.
11. The hearing was directly followed by deliberations. To support deliberations, a short presentation was also prepared by staff which focused on recommended amendments to the draft Plan and sought the views of the hearings panel on staff recommendations (see Appendix B). Deliberations were live streamed.
12. Minutes were drafted as a record of the deliberations (see Appendix C). During deliberations, the hearings panel agreed with **all staff recommended changes**. These included:
 - **Update to Volume 1** to highlight different roles of regional and local council.
 - **Update key issues** for Lake Camp to include small catchment area of the lake and susceptibility to drought and climate change, incursion of pest plants, corrected information about water quality of the lake based on information from Land ECAN/ Land Air Water Aotearoa and clarified the expired Use Agreement.
 - **Add and update policies** (1 to 5) including, separate policies that cover the implementation of the two strategic plans that have been developed for Lake Camp, adding a policy to highlight the desire to collaborate with key stakeholders in line with the 30-year plan for the lake, update policy regarding water quality monitoring, as this is the role of ECAN and minor updates to the camping policy and public education policy.
13. In addition to staff recommended changes, the hearings panel, requested staff to update the suggested policy for new plantings at **Awa Awa Rata Reserve**, to ensure that rhododendrons, which are a current feature of the reserve, can continue to be planted.
14. Following initial discussions and agreements to staff recommendations, deliberations for **Lake Camp were adjourned**, pending a Council decision on whether to progress a resource consent for a diversion of the Balmacaan Stream. This was to enable the final Plan to reflect the most current information and council direction. The decision not to proceed with a resource consent for the diversion was made by Council on 18 September 2024.

Completion of Deliberations for Lake Camp Section of the draft Plan and additional amendments recommended in response to points raised by submitters during the hearing

15. During the hearing a number of submitters spoke to the values present at Lake Camp, including the recreational values of the area and the lake itself, the natural values and biodiversity, including presence of native freshwater mussels (kākahi) and the scenic values of the lake and surrounding area. Submitters also highlighted the social importance of the lake and the place the lake has in many people's hearts because of the many summers spent in the area with family and friends.

16. Submitters felt that the draft Plan lacked detail about the recreational, natural, scenic and social values of Lake Camp.
17. Staff have reviewed the Lake Camp section of the draft Plan and agree with submitters comments that the draft Plan does not fully reflect the recreational, natural, social and scenic values of the reserve. Staff therefore recommend providing additional information in the Plan about those values.
18. As part of review of this section of the Plan, staff also made some editorial changes to the Lake Camp section including:
 - Correcting the spelling of the Māori name of Lake Camp from Ōtuatari to Ōtautari.
 - Adding information about the unformed legal road that forms part of the open space.
 - Improve readability by simplifying the wording of some of the policies and removing duplication between suggested policies 1 and 2.
19. Recommended changes to the Lake Camp section are included in the marked-up version of the Plan, which can be found on page 24-27 of Volume 5 in Appendix I.
20. Staff have made minor editorial corrections of a small number of errors in the draft Plan and also included information about the classification of land that occurred in June 2024 and Gazettal of those classification in July 2024.
21. Those changes are not substantive. All are shown as tracked changes with red writing in Appendices D to H.

Options analysis

Option one – Approve changes proposed following the hearing and deliberations and adopt the Reserve Management Plan (recommended option)

22. Under this option, council approves the Reserve Management Plan including changes made following hearing and deliberations.
23. Staff recommend Council approve changes and adopt the Plan as shown in Appendices D to H. This includes all amendments agreed upon during hearings and deliberations, suggested changes for Lake Camp and editorial updates, as outlined above.

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| <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approves the plan that incorporates changes made considering public feedback. • Council will have an omnibus plan for all parks and reserves in the district. | <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified |
| <p>Risks: No risks involved with this option.</p> | |

Option two – Make further changes in the plan before final adoption of the Reserve Management Plan

24. Under this option, Council can choose to make further changes to the plan before approving it.

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| <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further changes may prove to be useful for the plan. | <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on the nature of changes, incorporation into the plan could need further investigation meaning additional time and resources will be required. • Making further changes could potentially undermine the public consultation to date. |
| <p>Risks:</p> <p>Reputational risk for council.</p> | |

Option three – Do not adopt the Reserve Management Plan

25. Under this option, Council can decide not to adopt the final Reserve Management Plan.

26. As the administering body of reserves and under the Minister of Conservation's delegation from June 2013, Council can approve or not approve the reserve management plan.

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| <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified | <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not approving the Plan carries significant risks, including non-compliance with section 40 of the Reserves Act 1977 which requires a management plan to be in place for each reserve. • Not adopting final plan could undermine public engagement efforts to date. |
| <p>Risks:</p> <p>High legal and reputational risk for council.</p> | |

Legal/policy implications

Reserves Act 1977

27. Ashburton District Council, as the administering body of the reserves included in the Plan, is required to prepare a reserve management plan in draft form and make this available for public consultation under Section 41 of the RA.

28. Prior to making a decision on a plan or proposal in a plan, an administering body shall give full consideration to every objection or submission in line with section 120 (1)(d) of the RA. The hearing, deliberations and decisions in this report give effect to this provision.
29. In approving this Plan, Council is acting in two different roles. For recreation reserves, approval by Council is as the administering body of the reserve. For all other types of reserves included in the Plan, Council is acting as the Minister of Conservation and is making a decision under the Reserves Act Delegation Instrument from the Minister of Conservation dated June 2013.

Council Plans and Strategies

30. The Council has an adopted Open Spaces Strategy produced in 2016 and the development of overarching RMPs is defined as an action in the strategy.
31. From an operational perspective, having a complete suite of RMP's enables staff to manage all open spaces and address concerns in a consistent way, with a set of policies that apply across the district. This avoids reactive and inconsistent decision-making.

Climate change

32. The decisions in this report are largely administrative with low likelihood of direct impact on greenhouse gas emissions. However, the management direction set in the future RMP could emphasise the role of parks in climate change mitigation and adaptation. This aspect aligns well with the Council adopted Resilience Plan 2022.
33. Volume 1 of the Plan includes a climate change and natural hazards policy, which sets objectives to manage parks in a way that minimises and mitigates the impacts of climate change and improves the resilience of parks by adapting to the effects of climate change, especially in coastal areas.
34. Other policies which aim to manage the impacts of climate change are:
 - Access and parking - by not providing for peak use parking and encouraging active forms of transport.
 - Biodiversity - by encouraging native plantings to increase urban canopy cover and manage riparian margins.
 - Sustainability - by encouraging use sustainable management practices in design, construction and operation of reserves, including using renewable and reusable materials, energy efficient devices, etc.
35. Volumes 2-5 of the Plan identify some potential natural hazards at an individual park level.

Review of legal / policy implications

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| Reviewed by In-house Counsel | Tania Paddock; Legal Counsel |
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Strategic alignment

36. The recommendation relates to Council’s community outcomes as set out in the table below:

| Community Outcome | | Reasons why the recommendations have an effect on this outcome |
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| Residents are included and have a voice | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of the RMP involves two round of public consultation and opportunities for the public to have a say on the future management of all reserves in the District. The number of people responding to opportunities for engagement can be a good measure of active citizenship and connectedness. Council complying with its legislative requirements and upholding the law builds trust. |
| A district of great spaces and places | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of an omnibus RMP provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate cultural values present in parks and make them more visible for all. |
| A balanced and sustainable environment. | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of RMPs ensures that reserves are administer, manage and control in a way to protect, preserve and as appropriate and resources allow develop reserves for public use and enjoyment. The Plan includes policies that support sustainable management of parks and incorporate considerations to mitigate the impact of climate change. |

37. The recommendation relates the four well-beings as set out in the table below:

| Well-being | | Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this well-being |
|---------------|---|---|
| Economic | x | Adoption of an omnibus Reserve Management Plan contributes towards environmental, cultural, and social well-being of the residents. |
| Environmental | ✓ | |
| Cultural | ✓ | |
| Social | ✓ | |

Financial implications

| Requirement | Explanation |
|---|---|
| What is the cost? | This report has no significant financial implications for the Council. The costs for public notices and gazette notices for the classifications will be covered through existing departmental budgets. |
| Is there budget available in LTP / AP? | Yes, there is a sum included in the 2024-34 LTP for work identified through the RMP process. This was as a provisional sum due to the RMP still being under development when LTP forecasts were collated. |
| Where is the funding coming from? | The funding is sitting in the cc164 account |
| Are there any future budget implications? | The final RMP outcomes, following public consultation will encapsulate the future actions required. Any additional funding requirements to the abovementioned provisional sums allocated in the 2024-34 LTP shall be dealt with via an annual plan request to the Council or in the 2027-37 LTP process. |
| Reviewed by Finance | Erin Register; Finance Manager. |

Significance and engagement assessment

| Requirement | Explanation |
|---|--|
| Is the matter considered significant? | No |
| Level of significance | Medium |
| Rationale for selecting level of significance | N/A |
| Level of engagement selected | 1 Inform - one way communication, via the via the regular communication channels |
| Rationale for selecting level of engagement | Consultation requirements are specified in s41 of Reserves Act. For the development of the plan, as required under the Reserves Act, two rounds of consultation with the community were completed. Submissions were received and considered. Adoption of the changes to the plans and deliberations will conclude the Reserve Management Plan process. |
| Reviewed by Strategy & Policy | Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager |

Next steps

38. The next step following the approval of the Plan will be to publish the Plan on the Ashburton District Council website and have written copies available in local libraries and the Ashburton District Council office.

39. Staff recommend that any further minor amendments to the Plan prior to publishing be delegated to the Group Manager Infrastructure and Open Spaces.
40. A list will be prepared by staff that includes all items in the Plan that require follow up actions. The parks team and other relevant teams such as the Property will be able to use this list to assess required resourcing. The list will also be used to inform future Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan processes.

Appendix A

Draft Reserve Management Plan 2024

Summary of feedback

To support hearings 5 September 2024

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Summary of feedback received

Public consultation on the Draft Reserve Management Plan was undertaken from Tuesday 4 June to Sunday 04 August 2024.

- A total of 350 submissions were received.
- 26 submitters indicated they wanted to be heard on the submission form (10 confirmed attending as at 30th August 2024) 1 submitter intends to send a recording to be played at the hearing.

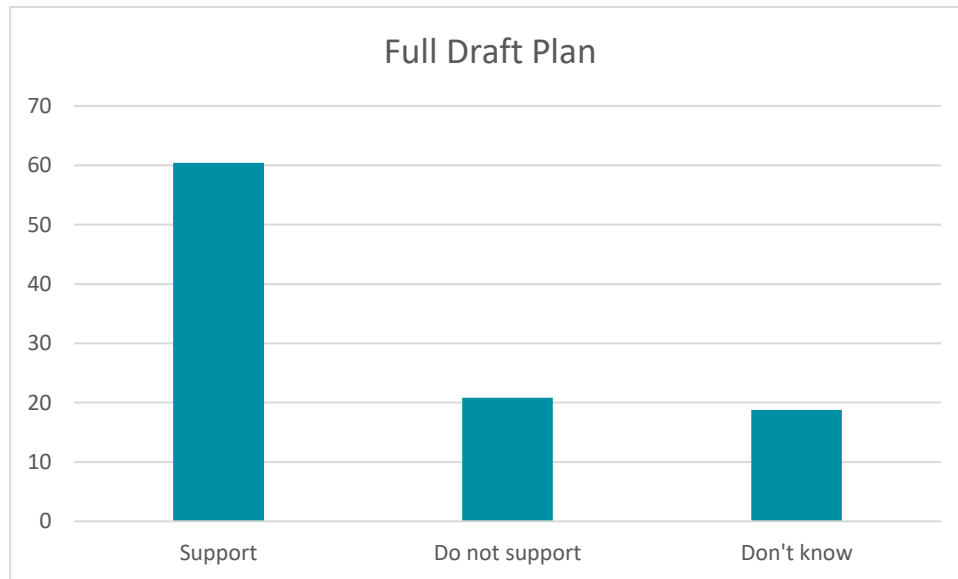
Abbreviations used throughout this document:

- ADC - Ashburton District Council
- DOC - Department of Conservation
- DRMP - Draft Reserve Management Plan
- ECAN - Environment Canterbury
- RMP - Reserve Management Plan

1. Feedback on Full Draft Plan

Based on the question “What is your overall opinion of the Draft Ashburton District Council Reserve Management Plan?”

| Options | Number of people | Percentage |
|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Support | 29 | 60.42% |
| Don't Support | 10 | 20.83% |
| Don't Know | 9 | 18.75% |
| Total | 48 | 100% |



1.1 Submitter visions and comments

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
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| Contributor 1751 | Booklet-1 Pg 135-141 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a typo on Page 61 of Volume 1: Land not owned or managed by Auckland Council should be Land not owned or managed by Ashburton District Council. | Accepted. Recommend change. |
| Richard Mabon | Booklet-1 Pg 117-121 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It appears a comprehensive and professional document. The content appears to make good common sense for the most part. | Noted. |
| Deb Martin | Booklet-1 Pg 106-109 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I particularly support the emphasis on ensuring the protection and restoration of ecological values which are seriously depleted in Ashburton District and whose remnants are highly valuable. I also support the opportunity for increased manawhenua acknowledgements, restoration, and exercising of rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga. | Noted. |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support council in all their efforts to ensure that Ashburton continues to grow as a vibrant and interesting town. Litter-Free Ashburton volunteers work to support the council to help keep Ashburton clean, green and Litter-Free giving tourists and locals a good impression. | Noted. |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seems to cover necessary aspects of a reserve plan. | Noted. |
| Clayton Howard | Full comment is included here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation areas are very important going forward as we become more urbanised. It teaches us about nature and encourages us outdoors which is important for mental health and wellbeing. | Noted. |
| Gerard Kennedy Power | Booklet-1 Pg 77-80 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good to have long term plans but need flexibility in these fast-changing times. | Noted. |
| Hebe Gibson (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to natural environments is a determinant of health. Green and blue spaces can benefit mental and physical health by reducing stress, lowering | Noted. |

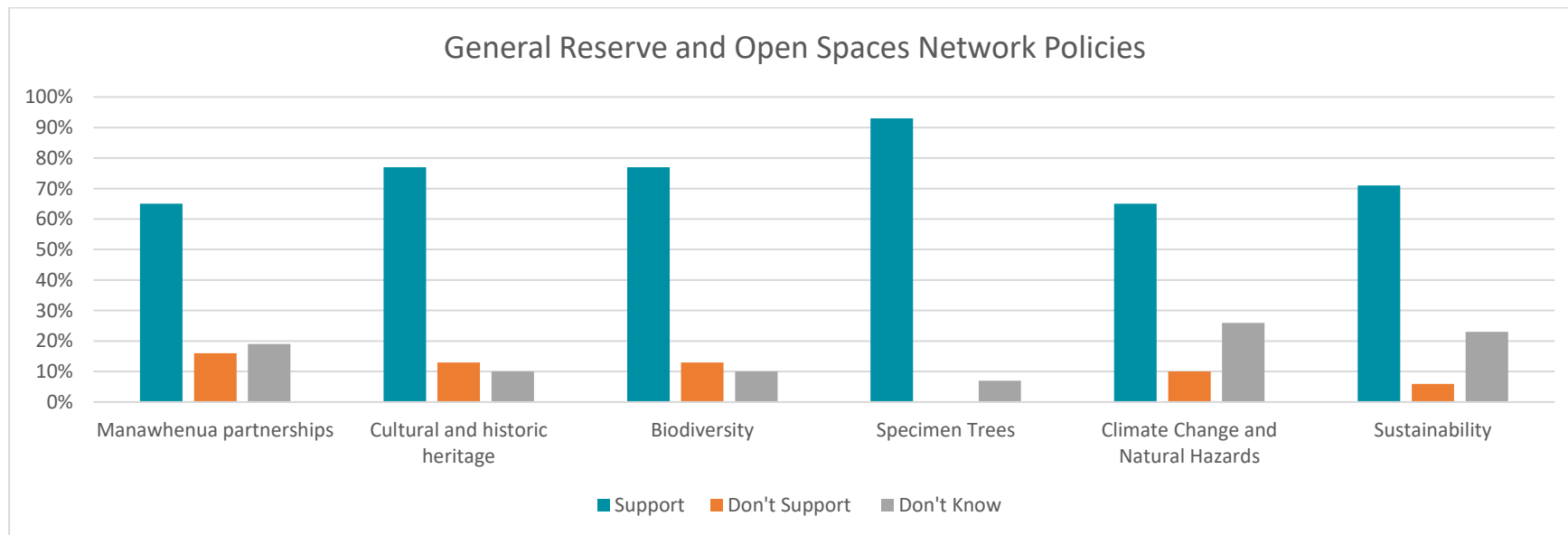
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| | | <p>blood pressure, improving mood, encouraging physical activity and promoting social connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We commend Council for recognising reserves as a major contributor to health and wellbeing in the Draft Reserve Management Plan. Health outcomes are dependent on the collective and organised efforts of society, including organisations beyond the health sector, such as local government. | |
| Andrew Sparks, (Chairperson - Pendarves Reserve Board) | Booklet-1 Pg 49-51 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We believe reserve management is important in the Ashburton district. | Noted. |
| Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If it means getting EA done and getting more sports facilities In Ashburton then all for it as we need it like now not 10 years time also need an Athletics track Timaru is far more ahead of us in this game. | Noted. Recommend no change. A grass athletics track in the Ashburton Domain. A recent utilisation study found there was no need for provision of additional athletics facilities |
| Edith Smith | Booklet-1 Pg 42-44 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I support the reference to the District Council Biodiversity Strategy and Manawhenua with regard to the Reserve Management Plan. | Noted. |
| Mary Ralston | Booklet-1 Pg 39-41 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parks and reserves plan is very comprehensive and the ADC should be congratulated for its foresight in generating such a plan that considers climate change and other issues in its management of reserves. | Noted. |
| Jonathan Everist | Booklet-1 Pg 35-38 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is apparent to me that a lot of work has gone into writing this particular Plan, and collating information from previous Plans. Of course, as with most things, the availability of money will always limit the scope of work, either to improve the existing facilities or to add to them, and, I anticipate, even maintaining the current situation will use most of the money allocated without allowing for any "spare" funds to develop new areas. | Noted. |
| Darryl | Full comment is included here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no point having a management plan that is over ruled by one demographic of society. | Noted. Unclear what is meant by this. |
| Sue Heney | Booklet-1 Pg 88-90 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After reading through submissions, and in particular hearing councillors explaining their reasons for why they vote as they do on matters that concern | Noted. |

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
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| | | the publics needs & wants, I don't have a lot of faith that some councillors are actually considering the public viewpoint | |
| Brett Evans | Full comment is included here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive approach to future sustainability. | Noted. |

2. Feedback on General Reserves and Open Space Network Policies

Based on the question “Please indicate what do you think about general reserve and open space policies in the plan?”

| Policies | Support | Don't Support | Don't Know | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Manawhenua partnerships | 20 (64.5%) | 5 (16.1%) | 6 (19.3%) | 31 |
| Cultural and historic heritage | 24 (77.4%) | 4 (12.9%) | 3 (9.6%) | 31 |
| Biodiversity | 23 (76.67%) | 4 (13.33%) | 3 (10%) | 30 |
| Specimen Trees | 26 (92.86%) | 0 | 2 (7.14%) | 28 |
| Climate Change and Natural Hazards | 20 (64.56%) | 3 (9.68%) | 8 (25.81%) | 31 |
| Sustainability | 22 (70.97%) | 2 (6.4%) | 7 (22.58%) | 31 |



2.1 Comments on general reserve and open space policies in the plan:

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
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| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 95-91 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserves and open spaces are essential in every town and village, but they must continue to be well maintained and frequently inspected to check for any damage that may occur as a result of irresponsible behaviour. | Noted. |

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
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| <p>Hebe Gibson (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)</p> | <p>Booklet-1 Pg 52-76</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPHS Te Waipounamu commends Council for drafting a comprehensive Reserves Management Plan that takes a consistent and coordinated management approach to the district’s reserves. We particularly support the inclusion of content about climate change and Council’s engagement with mana whenua. We have some suggestions on how to further strengthen the plan to improve health and equity outcomes. <p>Manawhenua partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the recognition of mana whenua in the Draft Reserve Management Plan and the recognition of historic and territorial rights of mana whenua in Hakatere Ashburton. • NPHS Te Waipounamu strongly supports the partnership focused policies to work with mana whenua. • We particularly support the policy to explore opportunities towards mana whenua expressions of identity through using te reo Māori names and te ao Māori design at reserves. And, to acknowledge the mana whenua connection to place through storytelling. • Using te reo Māori and storytelling at reserves can promote wellbeing, and greater public awareness of the history of mana whenua in the district and Māori tikaka and taoka. • NPHS Te Waipounamu also supports the policy to promote mahika kai practices. <p>Engagement with Mana Whenua</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the inclusion of information about engagement with mana whenua in the Draft Reserve Management Plan. • NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the inclusion of feedback from mana whenua and suggest that Council provides more information about how this | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Accepted.</p> <p>Recommend change. Update information in section 1.7.2 to outline how council engaged with manawhenua: Ashburton District Council engaged with manawhenua via a series</p> |

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| | | <p>feedback was collected, how this feedback has informed the Draft Reserve Management Plan, and how the Council will act on this feedback.</p> <p>Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council provides more information about Te Tiriti principles included in the Draft Reserve Management Plan. The plan refers to the principles of Partnership, Informed decision making and Active protection as the most likely to be relevant to decision making in the management of reserves. We note that these three principles are also referred to in other sections of the Draft Reserve Management Plan. However, it is unclear where these principles have been selected from. Te Tiriti principles should be considered as a whole rather than separately due to the overlaps and synergies between them. • The WAI 2575 Hauora Report of Health Services and Outcomes Kaupapa Inquiry released in 2019 recommended that the 3P's (Partnership, Protection and Participation) be updated to Tino Rangatiratanga, Equity, Active Protection, Options and Partnership. • In addition, we note the description of Partnership included in the Draft Reserve Management Plan does not define who should 'act towards each other reasonably'. We suggest that Council adds more information about the partners referred to in the definition of Partnership. | <p>of five hui, which were held between April 2023 and February 2024.</p> <p>Information about sites of importance were provided by manawhenua, as were key issues. Feedback was also sought on proposed land classifications, which are shown in the parks specific sections of this RMP.</p> <p>Feedback was largely incorporated in the draft plan via inclusion of specific policies in the general policies document or for specific sites. If feedback was not included an explanation was provided why.</p> <p>Accepted.</p> <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> <p>The definitions used in this management plan for Treaty principles are derived loose from the Department of Conservation website and information. Based on where the definitions are derived from, staff recommend to retain the three principles as described in section 2.2.1 on page 11 of Volume 1.</p> <p>Accepted.</p> <p>Recommend change.</p> <p>Update definition of partnership to: Partnership – the mutual duties of Treaty partners to act towards each other</p> |
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| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | <p>Climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the acknowledgement of the effects that climate change will have on reserve management and the importance to plan for and adapt to climate change to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of the population in the Ashburton District. • NPHS Te Waipounamu strongly supports the climate change policies. • NPHS Te Waipounamu particularly support the policy to enable the use of sustainable transport to reserves. • NPHS Te Waipounamu support Council's commitment to providing potable water, a fundamental determinant of health. Water is a healthy alternative to sugary drinks. Free access to potable drinking water may contribute to reducing the demand for single use plastic bottles, which may go to landfill. • NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ puts infrastructure and services in place to support the use of sustainable transport options, such as bike racks, public transport services, and education campaigns. ○ integrates these transport policies with the goals of Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030. • NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to consider adding a policy regarding planning for and proactively responding to climate change at reserves. Measures taken to prepare for and adapt to climate change could include providing more shade and drinking fountains, increasing the watering of plants and increasing drainage of sports fields. | <p>reasonably and in good faith are the core of the Treaty partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>Recommend no change. Climate change considerations are included in various policies throughout the document, including planting of appropriate plant species (Policy 3.2.3 Biodiversity, providing shade at play spaces (Policy 3.3.4 Play), etc.</p> |
| Gerard Kennedy Power | Booklet-1 Pg 77-80 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and Historic Heritage!! No support here, if the historic building incorporated in the new ADC building is sample of how to protect these historic assets is to go by. | Noted. |

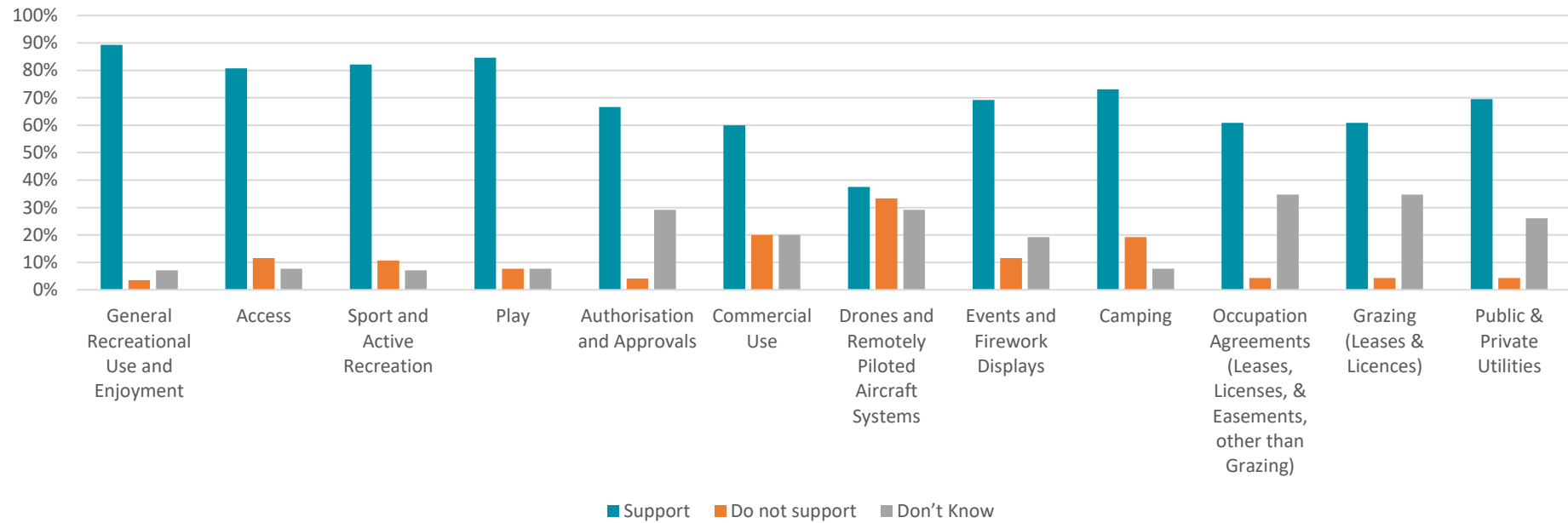
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| Edith Smith | Booklet-1 Pg 42-44 | Cultural and Historic Heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage buildings associated with reserves are an important part of Ashburton's culture important and should be identified and protected. | Noted. |

2.2 Feedback on Recreational Use Policies

Based on the question “Please indicate what do you think about Recreational Use Policies in the plan?”

| Recreational use Policies | Support | Don't Support | Don't Know | Total |
|---|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| General Recreational Use and Enjoyment | 26 (89.66%) | 1 (3.45%) | 2 (6.90%) | 29 |
| Access | 22 (81.48%) | 3 (11.11%) | 2 (7.41%) | 27 |
| Sport and Active Recreation | 24 (82.76%) | 3 (10.34%) | 2 (6.90%) | 29 |
| Play | 23 (85.19%) | 2 (7.41%) | 2 (7.41%) | 27 |
| Authorisation and Approvals | 16 (66.67%) | 1 (4.17%) | 7 (29.17%) | 24 |
| Commercial Use | 15 (57.69%) | 6 (23.08%) | 5 (19.23%) | 26 |
| Drones and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems | 9 (36%) | 9 (36%) | 7 (28%) | 25 |
| Events and Firework Displays | 19 (70.37%) | 3 (11.11%) | 5 (18.52%) | 27 |
| Camping | 20 (74.07%) | 5 (8.33) | 2 (7.41%) | 27 |
| Occupation Agreements (Leases, Licenses, & Easements, other than Grazing) | 14 (58.33%) | 2 (8.33%) | 8 (33.33%) | 24 |
| Grazing Leases and Licences | 14 (58.33%) | 2 (8.33%) | 8 (33.33%) | 24 |
| Public & Private Utilities | 17 (70.83%) | 1 (4.17%) | 6 (25%) | 24 |

Recreational Use Policies



2.3 Comments on recreational use policies:

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 3.3.2 Access | | | |
| Hebe Gibson (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the policies to make reserves accessible for many different users. • NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ uses the PARCS tool8 when planning the accessibility of reserves. This tool is a checklist to ensure the accessibility and usability of toilets, rest areas, play areas, paths, car parks and bus routes. The PARCS tool has been sent to Council in addition to this submission. ○ commits to providing bike stands at reserves rather than considering to provide bike stands. Providing infrastructure is important to support cycling to and within reserves and encourage people to choose sustainable modes of transport. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change. This is an operational matter.</p> <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change. Council will consider on a case by case basis, whether the provision of biking infrastructure at a reserve is appropriate.</p> |
| 3.3.3 Sports and Active Recreation | | | |
| Hebe Gibson (NPHS Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | Support policies to provide spaces for sports and recreation at reserves. | Noted. |
| 3.3.4 Play | | | |
| Richard Mabon | Booklet-1 Pg 117-120 | Shade provision Particularly supports the aspects related to shade and note the previous submissions of NZ Cancer Society to Council on this topic over a number of years. | Noted. |
| Hebe Gibson (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | Play provision general and accessible play Support policies to develop and provide play facilities and highlights that NPHS Te Waipounamu has created guidance on making playgrounds accessible and can share this with Council. | Noted. |

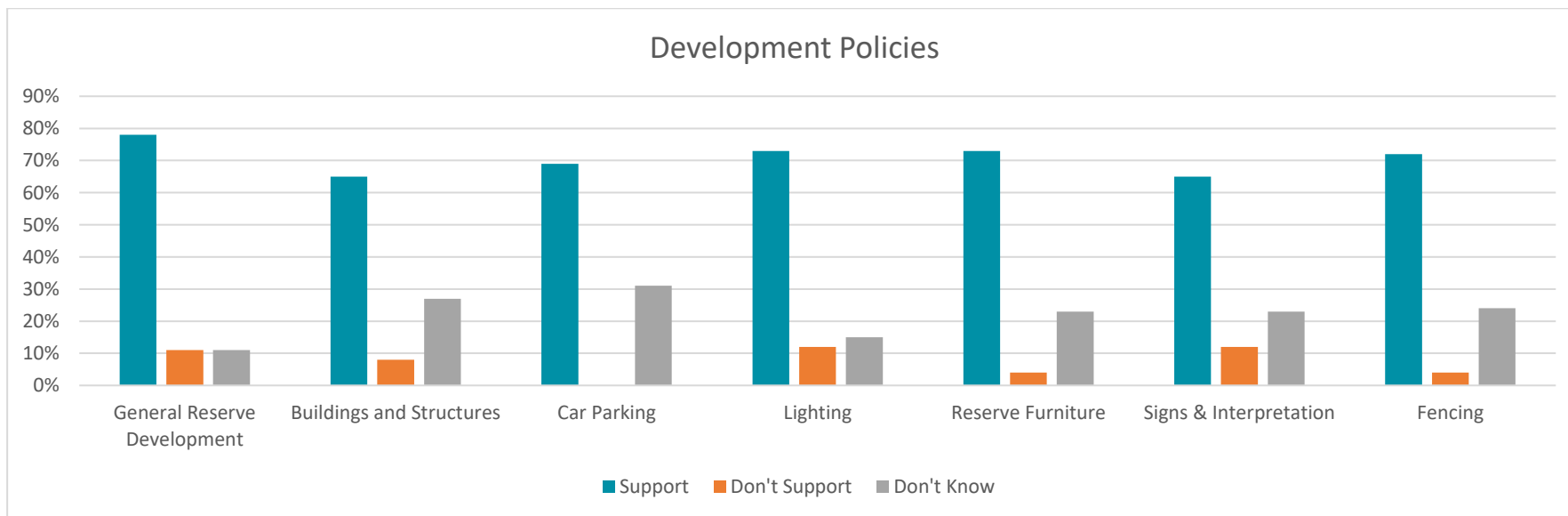
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| 3.3.8 Events and Firework Displays | | | |
| 2 - Linton and Anne Johnston, Bev Skates | Full comment is included here. Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | Do not support fireworks. | Accepted. Recommend <u>no</u> change. Due to the nature of fireworks, the RMP sets out an approvals process and makes expectations clear. |
| 3.3.6 Commercial Use: | | | |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | Support commercial use with strict control | Noted. |
| 3.3.9 Camping: | | | |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | Do not support. Definitely no freedom camping use registered camping grounds. | Accepted. Recommend <u>no</u> change. Submitter provides no justification for why this should not be permitted. Legislation provides for this. Camping is only permitted in a small number of reserves (7) as listed in Appendix D of Volume 1. |
| 3.3.12 Public & Private Utilities Policy | | | |
| 1 - Linton and Anne Johnston | Full comment is included here. | what is meant re[sic] utilities? Submitter seeks clarification by asking what is meant by utilities? | Accepted. Recommend <u>change</u>. Include definition in policy for what is meant by utilities: <u>Utilities are the infrastructure which enables a community to undertake its every day activities and functions and allows people to provide for their social and economic wellbeing, health and safety. Public utilities include telecommunications, electricity operations, water supply, stormwater</u> |

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
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| | | | drainage, sewage reticulation, treatment and disposal, roads and airports. |
| Other | | | |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | Do not support off road access to our Reserves. Reckless and destroying our wild places which should be left unspoiled by off road & on road vehicles. | Unclear which area is meant by this. |

3. Feedback on Development Policies

Based on the question “Please indicate what do you think about Development Policies in the plan?”

| Development Policies | Support | Don't Support | Don't Know | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| General Reserve Development | 21 (77.78%) | 3 (11.1%) | 3 (11.1%) | 27 |
| Buildings and Structures | 17 (65.3%) | 2 (7.6%) | 7 (26.9%) | 26 |
| Car Parking | 18 (69.2%) | 0 | 8 (30.7%) | 26 |
| Lighting | 19 (73.0%) | 3 (11.5%) | 4 (15.3%) | 26 |
| Reserve Furniture | 19 (73.0%) | 1 (3.8%) | 6 (23.0%) | 26 |
| Signs & Interpretation | 17 (65.3%) | 3 (11.5%) | 6 (23.0%) | 26 |
| Fencing | 18 (72.0%) | 1 (4.0%) | 6 (24.0%) | 25 |



3.1 Comments on development policies:

| Submitter | Page | Summary of submission | Staff comment |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 3.4.1 General Reserve Development | | | |
| Richard Mabon | Booklet-1 Pg 117-120 | add the words "service clubs or community organisations" after Reserve Boards. This happens quite frequently in our District. It is a fine thing. It should be acknowledged in the RMP. | Accepted. Recommend change. Update policy 3.4.1 1.c. to read: the potential to work with partners, such as Reserve Boards, <u>clubs and community organisations</u> , to deliver the reserve development; |
| Hebe Gibson (NPHS Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPHS Te Waipounamu supports policies to consider using universal design principles and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the development of reserves. | Noted. |
| 3.4.2. Buildings & Structures: | | | |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | Don't fill with buildings and structures - keep it as a reserve, some reserves will need toilet facilities but not all. | Noted. The intention of policy 3.4.2 is to give guidance on what to consider when adding buildings and structures to reserves and to help assess proposals from third parties to add buildings. The intent is not to add buildings to all reserves. |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | What would the buildings and structures be?? Hotels or overnight accommodation? | See first paragraph under Explanation for a definition of what a building is: <i>Buildings and structures are necessary to facilitate public use of reserves and include club rooms, halls, changing</i> |

| Submitter | Page | Summary of submission | Staff comment |
|--|-------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | <i>rooms, public toilets, bridges, viewing platforms or lookouts, etc.</i> |
| 3.4.3 Car Parking | | | |
| Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | Need a lot more car parks in town and try to get some more shops into town we are getting less and less and it sad to see how many empty shops there are | Out of scope of RMP. RMP covers reserves only, not Central Business District. |
| 3.4.4 Lighting | | | |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | Let's have dark sky | Noted. Policy 3.4.4 allows for the creation of designated 'dark sky' places |
| 3.4.6 Signs and Interpretation | | | |
| Hebe Gibson (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | <p>NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> restricts the types of advertising that are permitted on reserves. bans alcohol sponsorship at reserves. | <p>Accepted.</p> <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> <p>This is out of scope of the plan. The Alcohol Control Bylaw 2017 enables the council to ban alcohol from certain public places.</p> <p>The sale of alcohol is covered by the alcohol licensing process that requires clubs or event organisers to seek licences to sell or supply alcohol.</p> |
| 3.4.7. Fencing | | | |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | Don't overdo the fencing, it's important to have some for safety reasons. | Noted. |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | Fences for protection of plant species, wildlife & people safety. | Noted. As per policy 3.4.7 - Fencing may be considered where appropriate and necessary for the |

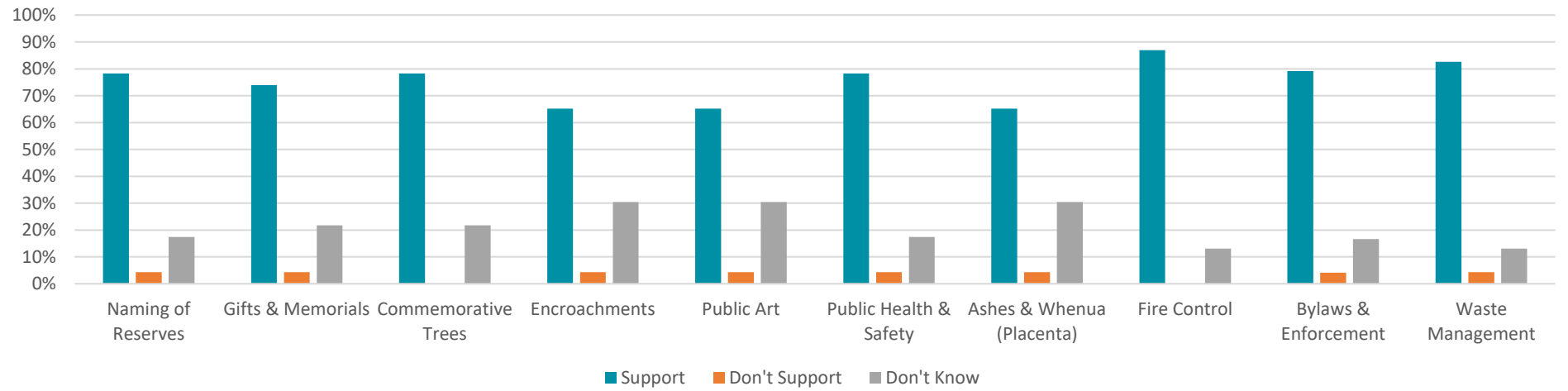
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| | | | protection of plant species and wildlife. |

4. Feedback on Administration Policies

Based on the question “Please indicate what do you think about Administration Policies in the plan?”

| Administration Policies | Support | Don't Support | Don't Know | Total |
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| Naming of Reserves | 18 (78.2%) | 1 (4.3%) | 4 (17.3%) | 23 |
| Gifts & Memorials | 17 (73.9%) | 1 (4.3%) | 5 (21.7%) | 23 |
| Commemorative Trees | 18 (78.2%) | 0 | 5 (21.7%) | 23 |
| Encroachments | 15 (65.2%) | 1 (4.3%) | 7 (30.4%) | 23 |
| Public Art | 15 (65.2%) | 1 (4.3%) | 7 (30.4%) | 23 |
| Public Health & Safety | 18 (78.2%) | 1 (4.3%) | 4 (17.3%) | 23 |
| Ashes & Whenua (Placenta) | 15 (65.2%) | 1 (4.3%) | 7 (30.4%) | 23 |
| Fire Control | 20 (86.9%) | 0 | 3 (13.0%) | 23 |
| Bylaws & Enforcement | 19 (79.1%) | 1 (4.3%) | 4 (16.6%) | 24 |
| Waste Management | 19 (82.6%) | 1 (4.3%) | 3 (13.0%) | 23 |

Administration Policies



4.1 Comments on administration policies:

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| 3.5.1 Naming | | | |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | As long as the public are consulted and not just one group having all the say. | Noted. Council's naming policy can be found on the website: https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/36266/Naming-Policy-2023-Appendix-1-2.pdf . |
| Hebe Gibson (NPHS Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 56-76 | As aligned with the intent of partnership, mana whenua should be prioritised for consultation when naming roads, open spaces and rights-of-way in the district. | This outlines provisions and considerations for the naming of parks and reserves, roads, etc. The policy covers application process, Council considerations when naming an area and changes of existing names. |
| Gerard Kennedy Power | Booklet-1 Pg 77-80 | Name of reserves should not be changed. No doubt the original name had a meaning to people at the time. It is part of our history. Leave them alone. | The policy makes no provisions for community consultation. |
| 3.5.3 Commemorative trees | | | |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | --- need to be suitable for area they are planted in. | Noted. |
| Edith Smith | Booklet-1 Pg 42-44 | Unsafe or aging commemorative trees should be removed and replaced with native species. | Noted. There is still valid reasons for ongoing use of exotic species and some native species are being trialled. |
| 3.5.4 Encroachment | | | |
| Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | No encroachments onto reserves. | Noted. |
| 3.5.10 Waste Management | | | |

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| Margaret | Booklet-1 Pg 99-101 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not support. I do not want any more rubbish bins and as I compost, I don't want a green bin. Enough of the plastic bins. | Recommend <u>no</u> change. The policy applies to reserves only. The intention of the policy is promote rubbish free parks and to only provide new bins in reserves where there is a demonstrated need. |
| Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste management is tricky. We shouldn't need to have waste management in an ideal world. | Noted. |
| Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dump needs to be moved away from the side of the river and we need to get Green Bin 260L also don't believe young families should be charged for Bigger Red bin when others don't pay for it. | Noted. Not within RMP scope |
| 3.5.6 Public Health and Safety | | | |
| Hebe Gibson (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu) | Booklet-1 Pg 52-76 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage Council to consider increasing the number of reserves that are smokefree and vapefree. | Accepted. Recommend <u>no</u> change. Development of a smokefree or vapefree policy is out of the scope of this RMP. |

4.2 Errata and Corrections – Volume 1

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| Errata and corrections | | | | |
| Table of Contents | Staff proposal | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Table of Contents currently only shows sections within the plan, but not specific policies. Staff recommend to update the Table of Contents to show specific policies in the plan. This will make the document easier to navigate for readers. | Recommend change. |
| Appendix D – Schedule of Reserve land where camping is permitted | Staff proposal | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ōtuatari / Lake Camp (65) correct spelling mistake | Recommend change. Camping, including in tents, in the area surrounding the existing toilet block on |

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| | | | | the northern- eastern side of Lake Camp. Camping is not permitted on the southern side of Lake Camp. |
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5. Feedback on individual parks or reserves by Volume

Based on the question **“If you would like to give feedback on individual reserve(s) please use section below.”**

5.1 Volume 2 – Ashburton Domain and Gardens

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| Ashburton Domain | Contributor 1753 | Booklet-1 Pg 132-134 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to see the whole playground at West St Walnut Ave corner taken down and new modern playground equipment erected there. The majority of the items there are very old and replacing. There would also be an opportunity to put solid rubber matting underneath the equipment. Mitre 10 have been erecting playgrounds throughout NZ do shy not talk to them and ask for assistance and/or guidance on what works best. | <p>Noted. Operational matter.</p> <p>Recommend no change.</p> <p>Redesign of the play area at the corner of Walnut Ave has been identified as a development opportunity in the RMP and an upgrade scheduled for 2025/26, with budget allocated for this (\$330,000).</p> <p>Natural wood chip/ bark or pea gravel are approved safety surface materials under the New Zealand Playground Safety Standard NZS5258: 2015.</p> <p>The costs and benefits of different surface materials are considered as part of the design of a play area on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Natural and more sustainable materials such as bark and woodchip generally provide better fall protection than synthetic surfaces are more environmentally friendly than rubber and solvent based synthetic surfaces.</p> |

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| | Bev Skates | Booklet-1 Pg 91-95 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a very strong support for the Ashburton Domain playground to receive further upgrading and modernising in line with other public playgrounds around the country. • An excellent playground to be a model for Ashburton is the Foster Park playground at Rolleston. It's well planned, spacious, and all-inclusive e.g. wheelchairs, push chair access. We need our playground to be more user friendly across all age groups and abilities. An area as part of the overall plan needs to cater for the preschoolers as well. • All the wooden edges and all the bark chip which gets scattered everywhere needs to be removed and replaced with colourful and patterned rubber Numat. I strongly recommend that appropriate Council staff along with some Litter- • Free Ashburton volunteers visit Foster Park Rolleston to have a look at what's on offer and this would then involve our local community in having a say and keep the community involved as part of the decision making. Grants could then be looked as e.g. Lions, Braided Rivers Community Trust to help fast track this project which would be a very welcome asset for Ashburton. • Look at the nationwide company CREO - Playground Design & Build. • CREO were involved with Timaru's Caroline Bay's new playground. | <p>Noted see staff comment above.</p> <p>In line with Policy 7 of the Ashburton Domain RMP (Consider provision of all abilities play and shade for the playground) and future redesign of the playground, consideration will be given to providing all abilities play, this will include considering appropriate surfacing for all abilities access where appropriate.</p> |
| | Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids area is terrible needs new road in and updated kids pool needs to be away bigger and a splash and | <p>Noted. See staff comments above.</p> <p>Regarding water play, the 2024/34 LTP consultation covered this topic and</p> |

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| | | | <p>play area waterfall and other things that make kids wanna play there and get used to water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be a bike park so kids get used to road rules and have lights etc like Timaru has put in. • Also, playgrounds heaps just sits gets broken then never fixed play ground is so old now and has nothing done to it. • Some of the playground equipment should go to other playgrounds and then a whole new one should be installed make Ashburton a place people want to stop with their families. | <p>Council made a decision not to allocate funding towards water play in this LTP.</p> <p>A new bike skills park is planned and in the funding stage.</p> |
| | Contributor 1754 | Booklet-1 Pg 128-131 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to be kept tidy. | Noted. |
| | Jan de Kleijn | Booklet-1 Pg 124-127 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks very good well maintained and tidy | Noted. |
| | Richard Mabon | Booklet-1 Pg 117-120 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy with the content of Volume 2. This is a wonderful asset and, with careful investment, will only become a greater asset to the district. | Noted. |
| | Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks Ok. | Noted. |
| | Gerard Kennedy Power | Booklet-1 Pg 77-80 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domain is great. | Noted. |
| | Edith Smith | Booklet-1 Pg 42-44 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to hear a move towards planting native species in the Domain which will educate visitors about their significance | Noted. |

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| | Jonathan Everist | Booklet-1 Pg 35-38 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I consider much more attention needs to be devoted to maintaining the existing trees, many of which seem to need more frequent pruning. I also consider it would be very beneficial if a concerted effort was made to improve the water features in the Domain, some of which appear to be cut off from use by overgrown planting, which shades the water. It appears all of the ponds would benefit from being cleared of fallen branches, and having the debris and mud which has accumulated them removed. Increasing the volume of water flowing through the ponds would assist them to maintain better health, especially as so many ducks live in them. I agree commercial use of the Domain should not become a regular feature, although I agree the various circuses that use the space bring people to the area. I accept the various sporting codes use the Domain, and I support their continuing use of that, as most of them (apart from the bowling club) simply use a green and open space, with the only negative effect being an inability to plant trees in those spaces. However, there are many trees in other areas of the Domain, and it is pleasant to drive up Walnut Avenue and simply see green open space. It can be achieved, and the current paddling pool is thought to be approaching the end of its life, I agree relocating it to a site closer to the current, excellent, playground would be sensible. Also, expanding the current cycle track might attract more junior users to that facility. The playground is greatly valued, and frequently used. It is excellent. Thank you for your mahi, and for the opportunity to comment upon your draft Plan. I think you are doing | <p>Recommend no change.</p> <p>Covered by Policy 3.2.4 in Volume 1 and Policy 10 in the Ashburton Domain RMP. Pruning frequency is an operational matter.</p> <p>Noted. Operational matter.</p> <p>Recommend no change.</p> <p>Noted. Recommend no change.</p> <p>Regarding water play, the 2024/34 LTP consultation covered this topic and Council made a decision not to allocate funding towards water play in this LTP. New Bike Skills Park planned and in the funding stage.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| | | | <p>the best you can with the limited funding you have available to you. You cannot achieve everything. However, I do feel we have not kept up with revitalising the plantings and the facilities, and have relied on the work of previous generations, and I consider the almost total lack of maintenance of the water features within the Domain illustrates that, as with maintenance of the roading network in the District, we have not spent as much recently as we should have. Several parts of the Domain seem rather "tired", and it may be time for us to spend some money when developing some of them, rather than simply planting daffodils. However, I do not wish to appear critical, and I admire the work of the gardeners in maintaining this priceless asset, and making it beautiful, even for passive enjoyment by simply driving past and knowing it is there, freely available for all to enjoy. A job very well done.</p> | |

5.2 Volume 3 – Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards

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| Multiple parks submitted on – Alford Forest Domain Methven Domain Mayfield Domain | Jonathan Everist | Booklet-1 Pg 35-38 | I do not know of the other reserves, but I hope money is available for them all to keep improving there is more to maintaining them than simply never-ending task of keeping the grass mown. Children need play equipment, and meeting other children at such playgrounds with their families is valuable to them. Goodness knows, we need as many opportunities to build social cohesion as possible. | Noted. |
| Methven Domain | Methven Reserve Board (via council staff) | Full comment is included here for review | Can 'and hockey' be removed from page 3 please as hockey is no longer played on the courts. | Recommend change as suggested. |
| Tinwald Domain | Sue Heney | Booklet-1 Pg 88-90 | Hoping an outdoor pool can be included in this area asap. | Noted. Out of scope of this RMP. |

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| Greenstreet Domain | Alison Aschen (Secretary/Treasurer) Greenstreet Ashburton Forks Hall | Booklet-1 Pg 102-105 | <p>There are a couple of items on the "to do" list, which are under consideration or have been completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-grass tennis court: The committee have considered to rip up the old & disintegrating asphalt & grass the area. This will be undertaken at a suitable time for the members involved. 2. Mana Whenua to educate the public on the area: During the late summer of 2024, the Greenstreet creek was drying up, which has rarely occurred, local farmers & residents set about rescuing & relocating the myriad of aquatic life there in. Mana Whenua from Arowhenua were contacted to assist. They had no interest in sending help, nor did they know where Greenstreet was located. 3. Playground at the end of useful life? The committee has undertaken repairs to the playground in recent years, bringing it up to standard, as per council | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Comment noted. How manawhenua choose to engage with others is not within scope of RMP.</p> <p>Noted and work appreciated. However, annual inspections confirmed some non-compliance with the New Zealand Playground Standard (NZS5258: 2015). Being at the end of its useful life does not mean that children don't enjoy playing with the equipment. It means that the conditions rating of the asset indicates that most of the play equipment is likely to not be able to be used for more than 5 years and consideration should be given to</p> |

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| | | | <p>requirements. Just because it is old, it has not run out of "Fun" for the children.</p> <p>4. Renew Hall? The Hall has recently had the power dug underground from the road & a new switch board & lighting installed.</p> <p>5. Signage: There is no sign to say the place is a reserve. Possibly it should remain that way. The Hall is enclosed by a hedge with little visibility from the road. Signage could attract undesirables, as has happened in the past, to enter the grounds for unlawful purposes. Those who wish to use the Hall know where it is.</p> <p>6. Trees for shade: There are trees by the playground & behind the Tennis shelter, several more have been planted in the last year. It is a slow growing area, being a dry shingle knob. (It remained dry during the flood 2022)</p> <p>7. On going Maintenance: In 2018, the community rallied & raised funds to re- roof the Hall. We have a relatively young committee, which is physically able to do maintenance. Much of the general upkeep, i.e., mowing & hedge trimming, gutters etc, are done voluntarily, with associated costs being absorbed by individuals.</p> | <p>renewing some of the elements of the playground.</p> <p>Recommend change. Remove reference to hall renewal from Development opportunities section.</p> <p>Noted. Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> <p>Noted. Recommend <u>no</u> change. The RMP identifies potential development opportunities that can be implemented as funding allows.</p> <p>Noted. Recommend change. Remove reference to aging volunteer base from last bullet point under Key issues.</p> <p>Noted. Recommend change. Remove Policy 3.</p> |
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| | | | <p>8. Raising funds: We have several community functions every year which raise money for the hall. There is a steady hireage at present.</p> <p>Most alarmingly, it now costs us nearly \$1,000. just to be connected to the power grid.</p> | |
| | <p>Ian Hodge (Chair Greenstreet Hall Committee) Greenstreet Ashburton Forks Hall</p> | <p>Booklet-1 Pg 96-98</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorses submission by Alison Aschen. • The Greenstreet Hall is very fortunate to have an active committee who care deeply about the hall. Over many years we have worked tirelessly to fund-raise to maintain and improve the hall and grounds. The hall is now in a very favourable financial position. • If this voluntary work had not been done the hall would now be in a very sad state of repair. The committee is all entirely voluntary and as Alison says many aspects where cost and resources is/are involved are absorbed/donated by committee members. • Without the committee this valuable community asset would soon become obsolete and unused. • Our visions are clear. To address the ageing tennis court. Work has already started on this project. Maintain our upgraded/consented playground which the kids love to play on. Continue to maintain the hall following required standards and install new heating. • Maintain the grounds for the sole purpose of people to enjoy whilst at the hall, continue to have three or four successful fundraising events each year, continue to work closely with ADC to manage the financial aspects of the hall. • We do not wish for compliance and regulation to stand in our way and, as a relatively young, agile group of people, we are moving with the times which often means preserving what we once had where people in communities can come together and enjoy | <p>Noted.</p> <p>ADC appreciates work undertaken by reserve and hall committees and strives to work with and support committees in their aspirations.</p> <p>See comments above regarding recommended changes to the Greenstreet Domain section of the RMP.</p> |

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| | | | <p>the simple pleasures in life. Signage and more trees would not change this and are not required. The hall does not need to be renewed. Rest assured that the quality of that building will ensure it stands long after new ones are falling down.</p> <p>The issue of the Greenstreet area and the Greenstreet creek did come to a head over summer. The fact that the creek was allowed to run dry was a disgrace. Many people that support the hall also support the creek.</p> | |
| Mount Somers Domain | Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | Mt Somers Domain. Seems to be well managed & free of vandalism. | Noted. |
| Pendarves Domain | Andrew Sparks, Chairperson Pendarves Reserve Board Pendarves Reserve Board | Booklet-1 Pg 49-51 | <p>The Pendarves Reserve Board supports the plan but would like to make some points as below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis courts - We have submitted quotes for renewing of the surface to the district council's Long-Term Plan. • Income - We have a small income from a licence to occupy with the fire brigade. <p>Recycling - Before any decision is made on the location of the recycling facilities, we would like to discuss this as a board. The current location provides good community access.</p> | <p>Noted all points.</p> <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> <p>Engagement is to take place prior to the relocation of recycling facilities.</p> |
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| Rakaia Domain (Michael Street) | Dave Eddington | Booklet-1 Pg 15-34 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rezone Michael Street reserve to residential. • Rezone Burrowes Road to Reserve. • The proposal will enable housing development and playground facilities for East of Rakaia. | <p>Staff have assumed that Michael Street Reserve refers to Res 2986 SO 851, which is part of Rakaia Domain.</p> <p>The land referred to as Burrowes road is partially as legal road and partially held</p> |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange Michael Street Reserve with Burrowes Road area as replacement reserve. <p>Please see attachment for details.</p> | <p>under the Local Government Act and not in scope of this RMP.</p> <p>Staff have assumed that the reference to rezoning refers to a land exchange process under section 15 of the Reserves Act and to exchange reserves land with non-reserve land.</p> <p>This process is out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>However, there is merit to further assess what is proposed in this submission outside of the RMP process, especially as the eastern, residential part of Rakaia does have no provision of publicly usable neighbourhood parks, as set out in the Open Space Strategy (NB: the strategy sets a target of a minimum of 4000sqm of open space per 1000 people in urban areas).</p> <p>No funding is currently available to undertake required planning and investigation work such as a needs assessment or feasibility study and this will need to be obtained through Council's LTP and Annual Plan processes.</p> |
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| Rakaia Domain (Michael Street) | Neil Pluck (Chairman – Rakaia Citizens Association) Late Submission | Booklet-1 Pg 3-5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like Council-owned public land area on the east side of Rakaia between Tancrede, Pitt and Michael streets developed as a public park and playground to We put these thoughts forward to the Long term plan a short while ago as well. We see this | Noted. See comments above. |

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| | | | as important for the people and Families that live on the East side of Rakaia. | |
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| Tinwald Domain | Staff proposal | N/A | Maps on pages 9 and 16 do not show all land parcels that make up part of Tinwald Domain. RS 41345 SO 15464 (part was R2120), where the pony club is located, is not showing fully. | Recommend change. Update map to include all land parcels. |

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| Ashburton Cemetery | Don Young | Booklet-1 Pg 121-123 | <p>Not more rates increase please. Current level of maintenance is good so well-done team.</p> <p>But!! the toilet block at the Ashburton Cemetery is well overdue for an upgrade and is not fit for purpose. We can do better than that Ashburton.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Rates rise is out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>The toilet block at the cemetery is scheduled for replacement in the 2025/26 year with Council funding approved in 2024-34 LTP.</p> |
| Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park | Jo Evans (Rep for dog owners regarding dog exercise areas behind Kmart) | Booklet-1 Pg 06-11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further two our written request in April 2024 (attached to this submission) regarding water supply in the two dog exercise areas of the Ashburton Dog Park, we also wish the Council to fill in the lower areas of the 'all dogs' area as it becomes very muddy after rain. • We realise and appreciate the fact that these areas are available for our dogs to socialise and exercise and also for the owners to join an elite group of furbaby lovers. • Many thanks for the supply of shingle (top up) at both main entrances for the convenience of a lady in an electric wheelchair who loves bringing her dog here to exercise. • It has also been pointed out that there are several areas around the boundary fences that are not totally secure, and we were wondering if someone could inspect the boundaries and repair where necessary (mainly south ends of both areas and west end of small dog area). | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Operational request to be further assessed by staff.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Operational request to be further assessed by staff.</p> |
| Argyle Park | Wendy | Booklet-1 Pg 142 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonderful playground, but we've had so many bad experiences with being rushed by uncontrolled dogs; "don't worry he's friendly" doesn't cut it when your kid | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Dog control is out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>Comments have been passed on to Animal Control.</p> |

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| | | | <p>gets bowled over or gets claw scratches on their legs from dogs trying to lick them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there must be a dog area near the playground, can we fence the playground and accessway to stay safe from the negligent dog owners? | |
| | Contributor 1756 | Booklet-1 Pg 142 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crazy not to allow dogs off lead at farm road end especially when you allow neighbours to erect booby traps and there is hardly anyone playing on this area. I'm sure Mr and Mrs Cabout would agree with this. | Noted. |
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| Baring Square East | Mull | Booklet-1 Pg 142 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baring Square East is a total mish mash that neither tells a story or pleases the eye. A mixture of poor design and placement of plant that has evolved over time into this mess. The exotic palm trees at the boundaries are hideous and out of place. The mix of shrubs and perennials appear to have arrived at the whim of whoever and it may be the repository of excess plants that have been grown by the Domain and dumped to fill gaps. The area is now our Front Room. The window to our new Civic building. It needs total revamp and needs to tell something of this district's history and environment. Keep a large area of open space for outdoor functions and use our Native Flora in planting areas. Keep the whale bones. Get rid of the trees that obscure and are damaging our only statue of our forefather John Grigg. Please give the statue the remediation that it needs, a disgrace to see the build-up of algae and Lichen over the body of work. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Recommend no change.</p> <p>Extensive work has been undertaken at Baring Square East over recent months and this work has been completed.</p> <p>No work is planned by ADC in this space and no funding is allocated for additional design, planning or landscaping.</p> <p>Maintenance of John Grigg statue is an operational request which will be further assessed by staff.</p> |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest you use services of locals Val Clemens and/or Edith Smith to draw up plans and source plants. Get rid of the Mish Mash ... hideous. | |
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| EANC Open Space | Peter Murray | Booklet-1 Pg 143 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land between the EANC and the river at the west end of the Ashburton Industrial area should be made into a reserve with pathways and landscaping to link the north Ashburton River Walk/cycleway with the EANC. | Recommend <u>no</u> change. Acquisition of land is out of scope for this RMP. |
| | Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EA needs updated and now as can't get in not enough court space carpark get fill there never seen that many people in the library new building but that had millions spent on that so need money spent on something for the community that would get used and would be great for the community and a 50 meter pool so could hold events and get more money into the town. | Out of scope. EANC facility is out of scope for this RMP, only the reserves surrounding the centre are in scope. |
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| Fairfield Road Reserve | Kara | Booklet-1 Pg 143 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return the management & control of this reserve back to the Fairton residents. Public events, safe environment for children, safe place for walking now that the roads around us are not and plenty of other school & community ideas for use :) | Accepted. Recommend change. Staff note that there is no provision of publicly usable neighbourhood parks in Fairton, as set out in the Open Space Strategy (NB: the strategy sets a target of a minimum of 4000sqm of open space per 1000 people in urban areas) and that there is merit in the proposal |
| | Scott | Booklet-1 Pg 143 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let the rate paying residents of Fairton have use of the only large and safe area left in Fairton. Everyone from dog walkers to kids learning to bike miss having the use of this reserve. | |
| | Elwyn & Riki | Booklet-1 Pg 143 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have watched 3 generations grow up using this land and believe it was a great loss to the community when | |

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| | | | the council chose to private lease it out. Please return this to reserve land for the Fairton residents. | to create such a space at Fairfield Road Reserve. |
| | Perry Costen | Booklet-1 Pg 143 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community SHOULD have a local place that they can walk/bike/socialise and gather, freely and safely. • Fairton is a unique community which does not have this. • Unlike residents in the town boundary, we are unable to just stroll to a local park or reserve. • More and more large business expansion happening on the doorstep of Fairton residents, means that it is no longer safe to go for a stroll down Fairfield Road or the once usable Works Road (in which residents historically could use but have now been locked out of). • A happy community, is a safe community... and therefore a happy rate payer. | <p>Staff recommend to include an additional policy:</p> <p>3. <u>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.</u></p> <p>Noting there is currently no funding allocated for this in Council's LTP process and that the current lease will expire in 2026. Possibly no development likely to take place prior to this time.</p> |
| Ferrier Place Park | Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this is the one with the big tower and slide ☒ This is the best park Ashburton has. | Noted. |
| George Glassey Park | Helen | Booklet-1 Pg 144 | Would be wonderful to see a scooter/bike track here. The school doesn't have the space for it but there is enough kids in the neighbourhood that would really love it. If road markings were added it could be used to teach road safety also. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Can be included as a suggestion in a concept plan (see Development opportunities under George Glassey Park)</p> |
| Harland Street Park | Graham | Booklet-1 Pg 114-116 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This park is definitely forgotten about. | Noted. |

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| Huntingdon Ave Playground Reserve | Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake hood is a beautiful spot, but a lot of people come out and use the lake and the lake is far too small needs to be dug out and made a lot bigger for safety reason. People come from Christchurch and Timaru for day trips coz its close instead of having to drive to the high country The rowing could be moved to have its own area and then join the two lakes together up the top end and make it massive yes cost would be high but would bring heaps of people to town as people like getting their boats and families out. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Out of scope of the RMP.</p> |
| Lake Hood | Contributor 1842 | Booklet-1 Pg 84-87 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Hood Have been there several times. Seems to be managed adequately. | Noted. |
| | Anne Mitchell | Booklet-1 Pg 81-83 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I recently had a 9 year old at Lake Hood needing to go to the toilet, but found the loo unsuitable, is it possible to add a child friendly toilet of smaller dimensions please. | Noted. |
| | Hunter | Booklet-1 Pg 45-48 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake hood needs a park put in and money spent on it as again not great for little ones that can't walk as bark is horrible all our parks are bark think that needs changed. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Natural wood chip and bark are approved safety surface materials under the New Zealand Playground Safety Standard NZS5258: 2015.</p> <p>The costs and benefits of different surface materials are considered as</p> |

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| | | | | part of the design of a play area on a case-by-case basis. Natural and more sustainable materials such as bark and woodchip generally provide better fall protection than synthetic surfaces are more environmentally friendly than rubber and solvent based synthetic surfaces. |
| Wisteria Place Park | Richard Mabon | Booklet-1 Pg 117-120 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that it is a pleasure to look out on this space and see its enjoyment by the community and that the reserve is well used by the community. | Noted. |
| | Graham | Booklet-1 Pg 114-116 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This park is definitely forgotten about. | Noted. |
| Errata and corrections | | | | |
| Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park | Staff proposal | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 26 – incorrect legal description is included for one of the land parcels RS 40468, should read RS 40668. | Recommend change. |
| Cawton Grove Linkage | Staff proposal | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 5 – include information about current licence to private to occupy of 169.3m² of the land, to expire in 2026. | Recommend change. |
| EA Networks Centre Open Space | Staff proposal | N/A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Page 48 – Change name of reserve in plan from EA Networks Centre Open Space to Smallbone Drive Reserve, noting that the reserve has not been formally named. | Recommend change. |

5.4 Volume 5 - Methven and Rural Reserves

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| Methven | | | | |
| Multiple parks submitted on - Methven Skatepark Methven Cemetery Thyme Stream Walkway Methven Dog Park Chambers Park | Margaret | Booklet-1 Pg 99-101 | <p>I think the disabled children have been forgotten in your plan in Methven.</p> <p>How can wheelchairs manoeuvre through bark chips and why aren't there ramps up to the play areas?</p> | <p>Policies that cover all play areas are included in Volume 1 of the RMP. This includes policies regarding provision of all abilities play and access (Policy 3.3.4 Play and 3.4.1 General Reserve Development).</p> <p>In Methven, accessible play elements have recently been provided at Railway Reserve in the centre of Methven (not in scope of this plan).</p> <p>In line with the policies in Volume 1, when a playground is renewed or redesigned consideration will be given to providing all abilities play, or elements that are fully accessible. As part of a redesign, consideration will also be given to providing pathways and safety surfacing that allows for all abilities access where appropriate.</p> <p>Recommend change for Chambers Park development opportunities:</p> <p>The following opportunities have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider upgrade of existing playground to provide for a wider range of ages and abilities. |

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| Rural Reserves in Eastern & Western Ward | | | | |
| Multiple parks submitted on - Bowyers Stream Rest Area Sharplin Falls Recreation Reserve Taylors Stream Reserve | Jonathan Everist | Booklet-1 Pg 35-38 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once again, I can see you are trying with all these areas. | Noted. |
| Allan Lochhead Green - North | Jake | Booklet-1 Pg 144 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding a public rubbish bin to the Camrose playground/Alan Lockheed green is necessary. The South end of town has multiple rubbish bins at play areas/ town centre but nothing of its kind at the north end where the town is experiencing most of its growth and where lots of families use the playground and people walk their dogs through Camrose. | Noted. Operational matter. |
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| Ashton Beach Reserve | Deb Martin | Booklet-1 Pg 106-109 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce motorised vehicle impacts and provide buffers to protect. Protect and restore ecological values. Support aspirations of manawhenua at site. | Noted. Noted. Noted. |
| | Anne Mitchell | Booklet-1 Pg 81-83 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big puddles often prevent access to the viewing platform overlooking the Hakatere River mouth at Ashton Beach. The road that exits needs improvement. There are lots of vehicle tracks past the bird sanctuary No Go signs. Shattered glass (hazardous) on roadsides should be reported by council vehicles please as it remains for undue lengths of time. (e.g. Alford Forest Road and other suburban areas). | Out of scope, the viewing platform is not within the reserve area covered in this RMP. Improvements to the road are out of scope of the RMP. Noted. Road is out of scope of the RMP. |

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| Awa Awa Rata Reserve | Mary Ralston | Booklet-1 Pg 39-41 | <p>Key issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> not just animal pests that need on-going control, but plant weeds too, e.g., alder, blackberry. camping at times is an issue & there needs to be a clear policy & signs to deter campers. off-track driving in winter is often an issue. <p>Specific Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> need to work with DOC & the committee to maintain and improve the walking tracks that lead around the reserve. The standard of bridges also needs improvement. It would be good to raise the standard of track that goes around the outside to the standard for wheelchairs and baby buggies signage for walking tracks needs to be improved, again need to work with DOC & committee there should be no more exotic plantings at Awa Awa. This had already been decided by the committee but was changed to accommodate the new rhodo plantings | <p>Accepted in part.</p> <p>Recommend partial change.</p> <p>Add to issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plant pest control camping <p>The Awa Awa Rata Reserve included in this RMP only consists of the small area adjacent to the much larger DOC manage Pudding Hill Scenic Reserve and Hakatere Conservation Area.</p> <p>As the ADC managed reserve forms part of the access to the DOC managed areas, staff agree there is a need to work collaboratively with DOC and the volunteer Committee to manage the interface between ADC and DOC land.</p> <p>Recommend change.</p> <p>Recommend adding policy that emphasises the need to collaborate with DOC and the intent to plant no additional species of exotic plants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Work with DOC and the Awa Awa Rata Reserve Society to ensure a coordinated approach to animal and plant pest management, signage and track and bridge development.</u> <u>Future plantings should focus on not introducing any new exotic species.</u> |

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| | | | | In regards to the need for bridge and track work, Council has allocated budget in the 2024-34 LTP to address the bridges. |
| Harris Scientific Reserve | Deb Martin | Booklet-1 Pg 106-109 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very important site. Imperative to restore and protect the ecological values of drylands. • Review use of site for model aero club. | Noted. |
| | Mull | Booklet-1 Pg 144 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep supporting the planning and maintenance of this reserve. | Noted. |
| Sharplin Falls Recreation Reserve | Deb Martin | Booklet-1 Pg 106-109 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support | Noted. |
| Valetta Bridge Recreation Reserve | Deb Martin | Booklet-1 Pg 106-109 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support plans to review grazing; and to protect, restore and enhance existing and past vegetation. Highly important site. | Support noted. |
| Wakanui/Whakanui Beach | Deb Martin | Booklet-1 Pg 106-109 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the strong cultural association, including right for manawhenua to correct name. • Support cultural and ecological restoration. | Noted. |

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| Land in Rakaia | Neil Pluck (Chairman – Rakaia Citizens Association) Late Submission | Booklet-1 Pg 3-5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would also like the Council to consider taking over the upkeep on the two short walkway trails we, the RCA developed many years ago and have been up keeping since; these sections are the 250-meter section along Rakaia Tec in front of the Recycle Park and the 150-meter section behind the Primary school. The RCA spent many Tens of Thousands of Dollars clearing and developing these areas and they are well settled nowadays with good easy to upkeep, mostly Native, garden plots and easy-to-mow grassed areas on either side of the walkways; they are well-used and loved by people from near and far. We would also like the Council to know that we are looking to extend this walking/biking trail eastwards, starting from the Pedestrian Railway crossing at the Dog park end, heading North along the grassed area between the Main road and Railway track, with the main goal of making the trail go under the Main road bridge via the abutments space, already under the bridge since it was built, and well up on dry land all the time. This will give our town a great way to go walking and biking safely from one side of Rakaia to the other, without having to run the Gauntlet across the main road and easy access to the riverbed for swimming, fishing, dog walking biking, etc and make the trail a good length in the process. It will also link up with the small shingle roads in this area just East of the bridge. | Noted. Out of scope for this RMP process. Obtaining funding is subject to Annual Plan or LTP. |
| Errata and corrections | | | | |

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| | Staff proposal | N/A | Page 61 – under Background reference to Reserve 1674 made twice. | <p>Recommend change: Res 1674 Reserve 1674 is a Crown-derived reserve vested in Council in trust.</p> |

5.4.1 Ōtuatari / Lake Camp

5.4.1.1 General context on Lake Camp and reserve management planning

The following are general comments in regard to reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977, reserve management planning, other legislation impacting reserves and roles and responsibilities of council and other agencies.

The below context needs to be considered when reviewing the summary of submissions, staff comments and recommended changes to the RMP.

Purpose of an RMP

The purpose of an RMP is to provide for the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, ..., to the extent the administering body's resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified (according to sections 17 to 23 of the Reserves Act).

The Reserve (see map below)

There are two land parcels that make up the reserve:

- Lot 1 DP 79247 – comprises the land area surrounding the lake
- Sec 1 SO 18196 – comprises the lake itself and a small area of land.

An unformed legal road (shown in purple), which circumvents the lake, also acts as part of the park. It effectively separates the two land parcels that make up the reserve area.

Since 2003 (New Zealand Gazette 2003 p 4686) the two land parcels that make up the reserve are classified as Recreation Reserve and vested in Ashburton District Council.

Sec 1 SO 18196 was formerly classified as a Government Purpose Reserve/ Conservation Area.



Figure 1: Lake Camp land parcels and legal road

Values of Lake Camp:

- Lake Camp is highly valued by the community for its recreational opportunities and natural beauty. The lake’s importance to locals, visitors, and as a habitat for native species, particularly freshwater mussels, is highlighted.

Roles and responsibilities

- In regard to roles and responsibilities the following are important distinctions:

Table 1: Lake Camp – roles and Responsibilities

| Area | Administrator | Role/ Legislation that applies |
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| Reserve land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 1 DP 79247 – comprises the land area surrounding the lake • Sec 1 SO 18196 – comprises the lake itself and a small area of land. | Ashburton District Council is the administering body of the two land parcels that make up the reserve under the Reserves Act; The land is derived from the Crown and vested into Ashburton district Council. | Reserves Act |
| Legal roads, including legal road surrounding Lake Camp | Ashburton District Council | |
| Land surrounding lake to south of Hakatere Potts Road | Privately owned | n/a |
| Land surrounding Lake Clearwater/ to the north of Hakatere Potts Road | Department of Conservation | |
| Huts at Lake Clearwater | Ashburton District Council | Land is administered largely by ADC |
| Streams/ Water | Responsibility of Environment Canterbury under | RMA and Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan 2012 |

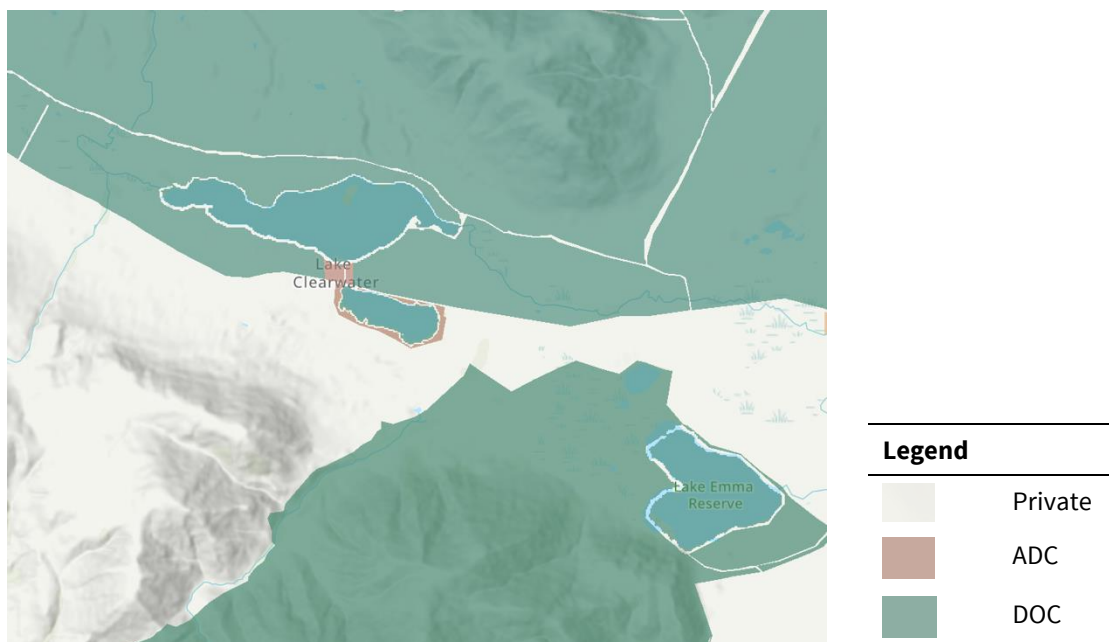


Figure 2: Lake Camp/ Lake Clearwater Land Ownership/ Management

5.4.1.2 Submissions summary and staff comments

- 29 submissions were made about Lake Camp in response to the question “*Would you like to give feedback on any individual rural reserve(s) in the Western Ward?*” in the online survey feedback form on the ADC website.
- 263 comments were made about Lake Camp on the mapping tool that was also on the ADC website.
- The below gives a summary of the key themes from the submissions and a response on each key theme. Many of the themes were strongly interconnected and submitter names will appear under multiple themes.
- As submitters could make submissions in different ways, some submitters may have made submissions in different tools, using a variation of their name. The submissions analysis below may include some repeat submissions.
- Full submissions on Lake Camp can be viewed in the **Booklet 2 on pages 4 to 48.**

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| <p>General support and comments</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>3 submissions</p> <p>Deb Martin, Rob Reid, Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks</p> | | <p>Key themes from the submissions related to:</p> <p>Support for Biodiversity and Protection Measures: Strong endorsement of efforts to protect and restore biodiversity, geological, and water values, including preventing harmful vehicle access.</p> <p>Acknowledgment of Climate Concerns:</p> <p>Recognition of natural lake fluctuations and concerns about climate change and droughts. Emphasis on ensuring that actions to protect lake levels align with biodiversity protection.</p> <p>Support for Manawhenua Aspirations:</p> <p>Advocacy for increasing manawhenua connections to the site, such as through mahika kai, education, and nohoanga.</p> <p>Positive Community contributions:</p> <p>Emphasises the positive environmental impact of its users, such as their contribution to planting native vegetation.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Council acknowledges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive community contributions including the positive impact of restoration plantings and efforts by hut holders and lake users. • Climate change concerns • Support for mana whenua aspirations • Praise for recreational facilities | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |

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| | | <p>Praise for Recreational Facilities:</p> <p>Commendation for the Ashburton District Council's (ADC) provision of free camping and recreation facilities at Lake Camp, noting the area's scenic significance and the importance of maintaining the water level for its national scenic value.</p> | | |
| <p>Theme 1: Save the Lake</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>99 submissions received:</p> <p>Penny Green, Tracy Donaldson, Libby Mason, Jess, Emily Brown, Mia, Anonymous 3, Anita Watson, KW, Erica Dynes, Lauren, Mellory Watson, Aimee Bullivant, A Anderson, Rachel, Millie, Anonymous 4, Gina van der Klei, Rebecca T, Sarah, Abbie, Sarah, Caroline Trewhitt, Carmen, Jeremy Adamson, James, Kim Beamsley, Jack Miers, Neil Pluck, Sunia Halaifonua, Suzanne, Hayden Jefferson, Peter, Dave, Lauren, Judy Low, Jack Strawne, Cal Green, Beth Scott, Kieren Powell, Sarra Allen, Hope Maree Johnstone, Joey, Anna, Abbey, Nicole Graham, Jess, Matt, Anonymous 9, Amy Fisher, Grace, Sammy, Jude Hutchinson, Stacey P, Jo, Judith, Britney, Sam, Molly Mackay-Stewart, Meg, Bel, Richard Jones, Robbie Watson, Isaac, Glenn, Lyn, Nerida Jemmett, CA, Rock</p> | | <p>Save the Lake – Single sentence submissions largely received via mapping tool.</p> <p>Submissions called to Save Lake Camp/ help save our lake/ Keep this beautiful place alive, save/ protect the lake for future generations.</p> | <p>No substantial information provided. However, the Council acknowledges sentiments from submitters relating to protecting Lake Camp and the reserve environment.</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |

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| Bukojemski, Jen Cheek, Mel Munro, Ange Leadley, Alice, Mark Frame, Anonymous 10, Ange Leadley, Clayton Howard, Alice, Bella, Isaac, Denise, Jayden, Mark Fisher, Mark, Stacey Naughton, Grace, Anonymous 14, Jess, Pippa, Brad, Kelly, Anonymous 15, Debbie, Ian Aitchison, Rhys Llewellyn, Scott, Suzie S, Kyle Weaver, Darryl | | | | |
| <p>Theme 2: The plan is inadequate to deal with the serious degradation of the lake</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>5 submissions received</p> <p>C. Pearson, Ewan John Chapman, Tyrone Edgar, Adair Bruorton, Rob Reid</p> | | <p>The submissions highlight concerns about the serious degradation of Lake Camp and that the current plan and its policies, especially as they relate to water quality of the lake and recreational activities to be carried out safely, are seen as insufficient in addressing these issues. There is a strong call for the plan to include a clear strategy for restoring the lake's environmental and recreational values.</p> <p>Submitters highlight the recreational, community, environmental and economic value of the lake.</p> <p>Key concerns include:</p> <p>Doubt on Policy Effectiveness: The submissions question whether current policies are adequately</p> | <p>Roles and responsibilities</p> <p>The monitoring of water quality and quantity in the lake is the responsibility of ECAN.</p> <p>Managing maritime-related activities that may affect the safety of navigation of vessels on Canterbury's waterways, including lakes, is the responsibility of the ECAN Harbourmaster's Office and managed under the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 and Controls (As amended 19th July 2023).</p> <p>As the administering body of Lake Camp, the role of ADC is the to communicate relevant information about environmental impacts on recreation use to lake users.</p> <p>Staff recommend that the different roles of ECAN and ADC in the management of</p> | <p>Recommend changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Volume 1 - 2.3 Regional and Local Planning Framework and Policies</u> ● Add explanation about the role of ECAN in managing waterways and the natural environment. ● Add brief explanation about the sections of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan relevant to the Ashburton District, noting that these apply under the RMA and not the Reserves Act. For example they are relevant to certain activities taking place on reserves that may need a |

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| | | <p>addressing water quality/ quantity and safety concerns at Lake Camp. They argue that, while water quality is currently deemed acceptable, this may not continue if water levels keep dropping.</p> <p>Impact of Reduced Water Levels: The lowering of water levels has led to negative consequences, including increased weed growth due to more sunlight exposure and the concentration of plant and fish life in a smaller area, which may harm the lake's ecosystem.</p> <p>Unanswered Questions on Water Quality: The submissions raise critical questions about the sustainability of water quality if water levels continue to decline. They suggest that the stoppage of the Balmacaan Stream diversion may be linked to the lake's reduced water levels. Some acknowledge historic fluctuations in water levels</p> <p>The key calls for action include:</p> <p>Develop a clear strategy: The submission urges the Council to create a clear strategy to restore Lake Camp's environmental and</p> | <p>the natural environment could be made clearer in the RMP and changes to Volume 1.</p> <p>Key issues/ water quality</p> <p>A key issue listed in the DRMP states that:</p> <p><i>The water quality of the lake is declining.</i></p> <p>This information was taken from the ADC "Lake Camp (Ōtautari) & Lake Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka) - 30 Year Plan – 2022 – 2052". However, the information in the 30 year plan referred to Lake Clearwater and not Lake Camp (p 4).</p> <p>From the statement it is also not clear which parameters of water quality are referred to.</p> <p>Staff therefore recommend updating the key issues section of the Ōtautari / Lake Camp section of Volume 5 of the RMP.</p> <p>Staff also note that there are two separate plans for Lake Camp, the 'Landscape Management Plan – Lake Clearwater/Te Puna-o Taka settlement and Lake Camp 2017' and 'The Future of Lake Camp (Ōtautari) & Lake Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka) 30 Year Plan – 2022-</p> | <p>resource consent, but are not relevant under the Reserves Act 1977.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Under Volume 5 - Ōtautari / Lake Camp update key issues as follows:</u> <p><u>To note: water quality and quantity monitoring at Lake Camp is the responsibility of ECAN. Up-to-date information about water quality can be sourced from the ECAN website.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>The water quality of the lake is fair (Trophic Index Level¹). However, ecological condition (based on Lake Submerged Plant Indicators (LakeSPI²) is high and long-term recreational water quality for swimming³ (measured in the summer months only) is considered excellent and the lake has been suitable for swimming since records began in 2018.</u> ● <u>The recreational use of Lake Camp is susceptible to water level fluctuations, due to its small catchment area. Drought and climate change are likely to have a bigger impact on Lake Camp due to this also.</u> ● <u>Data for measuring water levels at Lake Camp is only available for the</u> |

¹ The Trophic Level Index (TLI) indicates the life supporting capacity of a lake and is based on four water quality indicator (Source:

² Source: <https://www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/canterbury-region/lakes/lake-camp-otautari#:~:text=Lake%20Camp%20is%20considered%20to,quality%20is%20generally%20very%20good.>

³ Source: <https://www.lawa.org.nz/explore-data/canterbury-region/swimming/lake-camp-at-main-swimming-beach/swimsite>

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| | | <p>recreational values, addressing the decline caused by the disruption of the Balmacaan Stream diversion.</p> <p>Proactive Water Management: There is a call for the Council to actively manage and restore water levels at Lake Camp and divert water into the lake, rather than relying on a passive approach. The submission emphasises that sustainability requires immediate, positive actions.</p> <p>Collaborate with Key Partners: The Council is encouraged to work closely with Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and other stakeholders to address the water issues and proactively manage and protect the lake's values.</p> <p>Protect Recreational and Ecological Values: The submission stresses the importance of maintaining water levels to ensure that recreational activities like swimming, fishing, and boating can continue, and to protect the lake's ecosystem, including the native species it supports. Active and passive recreation is affected by the water levels in Lake Camp together with its environs. Submitters call for action to ensure recreational activities can be safely carried out.</p> | <p>2052'. Staff suggest that policies are updated to make it clearer, which plan is being referred to.</p> <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Staff acknowledge that the plan does not make reference to working with key stakeholders on the issues that may need addressing and therefore recommend the inclusion of a policy to emphasise the importance and need for ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders.</p> | <p>past four years. This shows fluctuations of 3.5m, with the low recorded in May 2024. This is comparable with similarly low water levels in March 2021.</p> <p>Update specific policies as follows:</p> <p>The following specific policies apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to implement the landscape management and environmental plan for 'Landscape Management Plan – Lake Clearwater/Te Puna-o Taka settlement and Lake Camp', which focuses on the enhancement and preservation of the natural landscape and biodiversity values of the area, while providing shelter and shade to facilitate recreational uses of the sites. 2. Continue to work with DOC, ECAN manawhenua and other stakeholders to support the implementation of 'The Future of Lake Camp (Ōtautari) & Lake Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka) 30 Year Plan with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding, and where appropriate, planning for and addressing impacts of fluctuating water levels on the community and lake ecology, • maintaining, protecting and where possible improving biodiversity, |

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| | | | | <p><u>recreation</u> and conservation values of the area, <u>including lake ecology</u>, and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> managing activities on land to protect the water quality of the lake. <p>2. Continue to implement the landscape management and environmental plan for Lake Camp with a focus on protecting and where possible improving, biodiversity and conservation values of the area and managing activities on land to protect the water quality of the lake.</p> <p><u>3. Work with ECAN to understand impact of environmental conditions on the ability to safely carry out recreational activity on the lake and communicate issues to users of the lake.</u></p> <p>3. Continue to monitor the water quality of the lake to ensure recreational activities on the lake can be safely carried out.</p> |

Theme 3: Feedback on specific policies in DRMP

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| Multiple policies - Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports/ agrees with policy 2, 4 and 6 | Noted. | No change. |
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| Anonymous 18 | | <p>Policy 1 in DRMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Policy 1. Ōtuatari / Lake Camp 'Continue to implement the landscape management and environmental plan for Lake Camp with a focus on protecting and where possible improving biodiversity and conservation values of the area and managing activities on land to protect the water quality of the lake.' I support this Policy, with the following addition, Policy 1. Ōtuatari / Lake Camp 'Continue to implement the landscape management and environmental plan for Lake Camp with a focus on understanding, planning for and addressing impacts of fluctuating water levels on the community and lake ecology, maintaining, protecting and where possible improving biodiversity, recreation and conservation values of the area, including lake ecology, and managing activities on land to protect the water quality of the lake.' <p>This policy needs to enable a proactive approach to recognising and providing for ecological and community values, including recreation.</p> | <p>Staff support the suggested addition to policy 1 based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> existing issues and complexities associated with the management of the Ashburton Lakes area, including Ōtuatari / Lake Camp the number of stakeholders involved in management of the area; and the lack of research and common understanding of some of the key issues involved, including hydrology and impacts of climate change on the lake. <p>It should be noted that the management of water quality and quantity of the lake is not within scope of the RMP, but within ECAN's wider environmental policies.</p> <p>Responsibilities for taking action regarding this policy will sit with various stakeholders.</p> | <p>Recommend change.</p> <p>Update policy 1 and 2 as suggested above.</p> |

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| C. Pearson, Tanya & Reon Hulme Mitchell Bellew | | <p>Policy 2 in DRMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific Policy 2, 'Continue to monitor the water quality of the lake to ensure recreational activities on the lake can be safely carried out,' needs to include not only quality but also quantity i.e., lake level. Amend specific policy #2: Continue to monitor and actively manage the water quality and water level of the lake to ensure recreational activities on the lake can be carried out. | <p>See comment above, ADC is not responsible for water quality or quantity monitoring.</p> <p>ADC's responsibility are in regard to the management of the impacts of water quality on recreational use and safe use of the Lake Camp sites under the Reserves Act and Health and Safety legislation.</p> <p>Concern is largely addressed through the amendment of new policy 2 above. Staff recommend to amend Policy 2 (recommended policy 3) to focus on recreation activities and use of the lake.</p> | |
| Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clause 3. This should be read: "Work with all stake-holders and the public to provide information on cultural and environmental values of the area (Lake Camp)." It should be racially neutral to include everyone's' values. Delete Mt Somers which is not Lake Camp. | <p>An error was made in mentioning Mount Somers in this policy.</p> | <p>Recommend change:</p> <p>Update policy 3 (now policy 4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with mana whenua to investigate opportunities to educate the public about the significant cultural values of the land and surrounding areas, including Mount Somers. |
| Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clause 5. Disagree. The only traditional food gathering activity would be for kakahi (mussels) and as their populations in the Ashburton Lakes, and nationwide, are under threat and shrinking any action that appears to sanction | <p>Policy 5 states that opportunities for mahika kai are to be investigated with mana whenua. Investigations into this will be based on best practice and relevant regulations.</p> <p>The reserve has a total land area of more than 14ha. Staff do not accept the</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |

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| | | <p>harvesting should be strenuously opposed. A healthy mussel population is essential for a healthy lake. Also, the reserve is too small for exclusive camping areas (nohoanga), and if such a site was formed the result would likely be an ugly turf war. The current first-in-first served systems seems to be working well.</p> | <p>submission that the reserve is not large enough to provide for nohoanga.</p> | |
| <p>Tanya & Reon Hulme Mitchell Bellew</p> | | <p>Additional Policy</p> <p>Submitter requests addition of a further specific policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council shall obtain the necessary consents to enable the diversion of water from the Balmacaan Stream to Lake Camp in order to maintain a safe and usable Lake for recreational purposes. Council shall actively monitor and manage lake levels and water quality. | <p>Request is covered through amendments of policy 1 (now 2).</p> <p>Council has recently resolved to provide a report that outlines costs and implications of a resource consent application.</p> <p>Policy 1 highlights that additional planning, such as resource consenting, will be required and enables this, should this be found to be the best solution by expert advice.</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |
| <p>Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development opportunities: *Add: “Develop plans and protocols for removing threats to and improving the health and population of mussel beds in Lake Camp.” For without a water flow through the lake the mussels would likely die, and | <p>This is out of scope of the RMP and the responsibility of ECAN.</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |

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| | | lead to algal blooms and eutrophication. | | |
| Theme 5: Camping <i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i> | | | | |
| Anonymous 17 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please don't remove camping access or services like waste removal, as it is currently it is looked after and respected by people who follow the guidelines. Just need a few more regular checks on those who don't follow guidelines. Water needs help, getting lower and lower and it needs management. | <p>Request noted.</p> <p>Camping is permitted under Policy 4 of the Ōtuatari / Lake Camp specific section of Volume 5 of the RMP.</p> <p>Staff suggest to amend policy 4 to make it clearer where policy 4 clearer</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 4 (now 5)</p> <p><u>5</u>. Permit camping in the designated area, <u>on the north eastern side of Lake Camp</u>, subject to site rules, relevant bylaws and legislation.</p> |
| C. Pearson | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campers are setting up camp on the southern side of the lake since there is only one 'no camping' sign in the area, and the rocks do not effectively serve as a barrier. | <p>Concern noted.</p> <p>Installation of additional signage and effectiveness of rock barriers are operational matters. A proliferation of signage is also seen as detrimental to the site.</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |
| John Frank Porter | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would also like to see Council consider the future effects of the current unrestrained growth of lakeside freedom camping. This growth has the potential to result in further modification and degradation of both the Lake and the reserve area | <p>Concern noted.</p> <p>Camping is permitted under Policy 4 of the Ōtuatari / Lake Camp specific section of Volume 5 of the RMP.</p> <p>Monitoring impacts of camping on the area surrounding the lake is an operational matter and enforcement enabled through the relevant Open Space</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |

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| | | through the number of visitors and vehicle traffic all year round. | and Transport Bylaws/ the Freedom Camping Act 2011. | |
| <p>Theme 5: Concern for low water level in Lake Camp</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>85 submissions:</p> <p>John Frank Porter, William Morrison, Linton & Anne Johnston, Cynthia Downes, Nicky, Kylie Fitzgerald, Rosie, Tim, Steph, Paris, Bridget, Kelly, Kim, Yvonne, Sue, Anonymous 1 , Anonymous 2, Steph 1 , David, Richard, Veronika, Power, Anonymous 3, Frances Beeston, Rebecca Robinson, Stuart, Anonymous 6, Garry Howell, Gemma Morrison, Holly F, Diana Nelis, Shane and Angela Christie, Bevan O'Brien, Leigh O'Brien, MC, Rachael Moore, Christina Clarke, Bailey Kershaw, Trevor & Chleone, Phil & Rose, Jordanna Colgan, Bill, Brett, Brett, Lynn & Gerald, Anonymous 8, Phoebe, Mark Saunders, Kim Beamsley, Colleen Howard, Owen Nuttridge, Lauren, Brent Ablett, Grant Cook, Amy Fisher, Darrin, C Pearson, Tanya & Reon Hulme, Rakaia River Holiday Park, Trish Gibson, Emily C, Judith Edgar, Suzanne, Hamish Howard, Helen Young, Julie Wells, Ryan Nielson, Gavin Young, Zac Edgar, Chleone and Trevor Emery, Aimee Edgar, Gerard Kennedy Power, Dan</p> | | <p>Submitters expressed concern about the low water levels of the lake and the impact this might have on biodiversity and recreational values.</p> <p>Some were concerned about the potential destructive activities on the exposed lake bed from 4WDs and motorbikes.</p> <p>Submitters also expressed frustration about the lack of action and made requests for responsible agencies (Council, DOC and ECAN) to address this situation and reinstate the diversion of the Balmacaan Stream.</p> | <p>Concern about low water levels are noted.</p> <p>The requests are covered through amendments of policy 1 (now 2).</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2) as outlined under Theme 2.</p> |

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| McGarvey, Carrie Wallis, Tim, Tim Field, Charlotte Coley, Sarah Lowery, Donna, Luca, martinandtarsh07, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Dom Cosgrove, Anonymous 17, Stuart Fletcher | | | | |
| <p>Theme 6: Support for reinstatement of Balmacaan Stream diversion</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>170 submissions:</p> <p>John Frank Porter, William Morrison, Linton & Anne Johnston, Cynthia Downes, Kylie Fitzgerald, Jo Cook, Rosie, Tim, Steph, Paris, Anonymous, Bridget, Penny Green, Claire, Kelly, Kim, Yvonne, Rex, Kellie, Sue, Rebecca Kershaw, Anonymous 1 , Anonymous 2, Steph 1 , Richard, Veronika, Gina van der Klei, Sophie Shearer, Anonymous 5, Rachel, Stuart, Anonymous 6, Garry Howell, Penny Coleman, Hilary, Rae, Anna, Gemma Morrison, Holly F, Tony Moore, Zac Edgar, Shane and Angela Christie, Rebecca Small, Jacqui Howell, Leigh O'Brien, MC, Rachael Moore, Eilish, Christina Clarke, Brent Kershaw, Josh Kershaw, Nick Kershaw, Claudia, Trevor & Chleone, Phil & Rose, Chell B, G, Kyle Farquhar, Bill, Nick McDonald, Brett, Shannon Johnson, Anonymous 8, Angela, Karen, Nicola, Jane Gilchrist, Mark Saunders, Colleen Howard, Owen Nuttridge, Jim, Lauren, Brent Ablett, Simon Fitzgerald, Craig</p> | | <p>Submitters supported the reinstatement of the past resource consent to divert the Balmacaan Stream into the lake, to bring additional water into the lake.</p> <p>Submitters advocate for this as the best solution to combat decreasing water levels in the stream and ensure recreational, community and ecological values and uses are protected.</p> <p>There were slight variations of this theme, with some submitters calling for water diversions or for council to apply for resource consent to top up lake water levels, without specifying the Balmacaan diversion.</p> | <p>Resource consent is out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>Undertaking research and if appropriate planning to address fluctuating water levels is covered through amendments of policy 1 (now policy 2).</p> <p>Explanation:</p> <p>Obtaining a resource consent is not a matter subject to the Reserves Act 1977, but rather the Resource Management Act 1991.</p> <p>A historic diversion of the Balmacaan Stream has been anecdotally reported since the late 1960s.</p> <p>The diversion was formally authorised in 1985.</p> <p>Following the introduction of the RMA in 1991 a resource consent was obtained by Fish and Game. This resource consent was surrendered by Fish and Game in November 2020. Subsequently, the</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2) as outlined under Theme 2.</p> |

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| <p>101, Aleisha, Amy Fisher, Darrin, Jake , Busty Coleman, Mju, Judi and Allan OBrien, Chris Coombs, M Bellew, Rakaia River Holiday Park, John Duxbury, Marshall Weenink, Makayla, Richard Jones, Trish Gibson, Bruce Gibson, Helen Wells, Emily C, Ross Edgar, Greg Brake, Judith Edgar, Suzanne, Athel Price, Isaac, Matthew, Ange Bellew, Josh Bellew, Oliver Bellew, Rosemary Ablett, Lynley Pluck, Natasha Sim, Lisa Elliott, Vanessa Wright, A Rotherham, Rock Bukojemski, O'Sullivan, Mel Munro, Robyn Fisher-Reid, Maxine Thomas, Helen Young, Julie Wells, Tim Banks, Lily Banks, Daniel Coley, Ryan Nielson, Sally, Zac Edgar, Chleone and Trevor Emery, Paul Clyne, Anonymous 11, Brett Evans, Clayton Howard, Gerard Kennedy Power, Angela Bellew, Oliver Bellew, Joshua Bellew, Toni McClintock, Ewan John Chapman, Heather and Bruce Sim, Tyrone Edgar, Andrew Berryman, Dan McGarvey, Diana Wing, Henry, Tim, Treefella, Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks, Anonymous 13, Charlotte Coley, Doug Coley, Sarah Lowery, Alan and Jane Totty, Mark Fisher, Anna Riley, Anne, Ross Leith, Natalie, Matt, Paul Bake, Kelly, Duncan Humm, Theresa Aitchison, Ian Aitchison, Kristy, Gerard Morrison, Jonty, Suzie S, Ian Hood, martinandtarsh07, Kyle Weaver, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Mark Totty, Anne Crombie (Canterbury</p> | | | <p>significant floods of June 2021 impacted the path of the stream.</p> <p>There is no mechanism to reinstate surrendered resource consents.</p> <p>A new resource consent and various other authorisations e.g. an easement from DOC, would need to be obtained to be able to divert water into Lake Camp.</p> <p>ADC has recently requested staff to provide a report that outlines costs and implications of a resource consent application. This will be considered at a Council meeting in the near future.</p> <p>Policy 1 (now policy 2) enables ADC to undertake planning and, if appropriate, take action to address fluctuating water levels.</p> | |

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| Windsurf Association), Adair Bruorton, Donna Frame, Nicola Hawes , Stuart Fletcher | | | | |
| <p>Theme 7: Importance of recreational and social values of Lake Camp and need to protect these</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>140 submissions:</p> <p>William Morrison, Linton & Anne Johnston, Nicky, Jo Cook, Claire, Peter, Rex, Anonymous 1 , Anonymous 2, Steph 1 , Georgie, Pippa, Richard, Veronika, Power, Frances Beeston, Anita Watson, Mellory Watson, Eve Robinson, Vicki Pluck, Rachel, Rebecca Robinson, Tessa Vincent, Sophie Shearer, Anonymous 5, Rachel, Anonymous 6, Garry Howell, Penny Coleman, Holly F, Rebecca T, Diana Nelis, Tony Moore, Shane and Angela Christie, Jacqui Howell, Leigh O'Brien, MC, Rachael Moore, Eilish, Christina Clarke, Bailey Kershaw, Claudia, Phil & Rose, Jordanna Colgan, Brett, Shannon Johnson, Anonymous 8, Angela, Nicola, Jane Gilchrist, Mark Saunders, Kim Beamsley, Neil Pluck, Colleen Howard, Jim, Brent Ablett, Grant Cook, Peter, Dave, Aleisha, Bry Lowen, Amy Fisher, Darrin, Jake , Busty Coleman, Judi and Allan OBrien, C Pearson, M Bellew, Marshall Weenink, Robbie Watson, Trish Gibson, Helen Wells, Emily C, Suzanne, Athel Price, Matt Body, Isaac, Matthew, Jack, Ange Bellew, Josh</p> | | <p>Submitters highlighted the importance of Lake Camp as a destination for a range of recreational activities, including water skiing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, and camping. Submitters noted the importance of these activities to the lifestyle of residents and visitors, making the lake a key location for leisure and outdoor pursuits in Mid Canterbury.</p> <p>Submitters also highlighted that the lake has been enjoyed by multiple generations of families, becoming a cherished part of family traditions. Many submissions highlight how parents and grandparents have shared the lake experience with their children, fostering a deep, multi-generational bond with the site.</p> <p>Submitters expressed concern about the impact the drop in water levels has on the recreational value of the lake.</p> <p>Some submitters expressed health and safety concerns for recreational</p> | <p>Importance of the Lake for recreation and concerns relating to health and safety are noted and covered through amendments of policy 1 (now 2) and policy 2 (now 3).</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2) as outlined under Theme 2.</p> |

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| <p>Bellew, Lynley Pluck, Nerida Jemmett, Lisa Elliott, Vanessa Wright, Hamish Howard, Brony, Maxine Thomas, Anonymous 10, Julie Wells, Tim Banks, Lily Banks, Chleone and Trevor Emery, Gerard Kennedy Power, Anonymous 12, Toni McClintock, Ewan John Chapman, Heather and Bruce Sim, Andrew Berryman, Dan McGarvey, Carrie Wallis, Koa Brown (President, Canterbury Water Ski Association), Diana Wing, Henry, Tim, Treefella, Denise, Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks, Tim Field, Anonymous 13, Sarah Lowery, Alan and Jane Totty, Mark Fisher, Luca, Anne, Jill Leith, Suzanne Toy, Natalie, Pippa, Paul Bake, Anonymous 15, Theresa Aitchison, Kristy, Rhys Llewellyn, Scott, Gerard Morrison, Suzie S, Ian Hood, martinandtarsh07, Julie Hood, Kyle Weaver, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Mark Totty, Anne Crombie (Canterbury Windsurf Association), Adair Bruorton, Dom Cosgrove, Donna Frame, Anonymous 18, Nicola Hawes , Stuart Fletcher</p> | | <p>activities due to shallow waters and exposure of potential hazards.</p> | | |

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| <p>Theme 8: Concern about impact on ecological and scenic values from low water levels at Lake Camp</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>51 submissions:</p> <p>C. Pearson, Linton & Anne Johnston, Peter, Anonymous 1 , Anonymous 2, Steph 1 , Georgie, Power, Anonymous 5, Anonymous 6, Holly F, Tony Moore, Rebecca Small, Leigh O'Brien, MC, Phil & Rose, Kyle Farquhar, Brett, Anonymous 8, Jane Gilchrist, Mark Saunders, Amy Fisher, Darrin, Busty Coleman, Tanya & Reon Hulme, John Duxbury, Bruce Gibson, Helen Wells, Suzanne, Athel Price, Matt Body, Lisa Elliott, Vanessa Wright, Daniel Coley, Ewan John Chapman, Mark Kearney, Tim, Denise, Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks, Anonymous 13, Doug Coley, Jill Leith, Kelly, Duncan Humm, Theresa Aitchison, Julie Hood, Kyle Weaver, Anne Crombie (Canterbury Windsurf Association), Donna Frame, Anonymous 18, Nicola Hawes</p> | | <p>Submitters expressed concern for the environmental degradation of Lake Camp due to the current low water levels. There is a fear that lower water levels could lead to the deterioration of habitats for local flora and fauna, disrupting the ecological balance and reducing biodiversity.</p> <p>The maintenance of Lake Camp's water levels is considered by many submitters to be crucial for the preservation of biodiversity.</p> <p>Submissions highlight the importance of sustaining aquatic life, as well as protecting the broader ecosystem, which could be threatened by significant changes in the lake's environment.</p> | <p>Concerns regarding potential impacts ecological and scenic values is noted.</p> <p>Potential actions are covered through amendments of policy 1 (now 2).</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2) as outlined under Theme 2.</p> |
| <p>Theme 9: Economic Impact</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>19 submissions:</p> <p>Mellory Watson, Rebecca T, Kim Beamsley, Colleen Howard, Jim, Amy Fisher, Rakaia River Holiday Park,</p> | | <p>Submitters highlighted the role Lake Camp plays in providing a direct benefit to the local economy by attracting visitors who spend money</p> | <p>The importance of the lake to the local economy and concerns relating to the potential economic impact of low lake water levels is noted and covered</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2) as outlined under Theme 2.</p> |

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| Marshall Weenink, Trish Gibson, Isaac, Ange Bellew, Chleone and Trevor Emery, Anonymous 12, Denise, Sarah Lowery, Julie Hood, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Mark Totty, Dom Cosgrove | | <p>on accommodation, food, and services in nearby towns like Mount Somers.</p> <p>This includes both domestic and international visitors.</p> <p>Submitters expressed concerns about the potential economic impact on local businesses and the broader regional economy from a potential decrease in tourism and recreational use, due to low water levels in the lake.</p> | <p>through amendments of policy 1 (now 2).</p> | |
| <p>Theme 10: Safety concerns resulting from low water levels of Lake Camp</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>20 submissions:</p> <p>C. Pearson, William Morrison, Anonymous 2, Bevan O'Brien, Leigh O'Brien, Colleen Howard, Jim, C Pearson, Tanya & Reon Hulme, M Bellew, Trish Gibson, Bruce Gibson, Greg Brake, Gerard Kennedy Power, Carrie Wallis, Alan and Jane Totty, Donna, martinandtarsh07, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Adair Bruorton</p> | | <p>Submitters expressed concern about the low water level of Lake Camp and the safety risks these are creating for recreational use and users of the lake e.g. swimmers, boaties, water skiers.</p> | <p>Out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>Managing maritime-related activities that may affect the safety of navigation of vessels on Canterbury's waterways, including lakes, is the responsibility of the ECAN Harbourmaster's Office and managed under the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 and Controls.</p> <p>Recommend update of policy 2 (now policy 3) to make this distinction clearer.</p> | <p>Recommend change to policy 2 (now 3) as outlined under Theme 2.</p> |

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| <p>Theme 11: Frustration about Authorities' Delays and Bureaucratic Hurdles</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>26 submissions:</p> <p>Peter, Sue, Georgie, David, Power, Eve Robinson, Phil & Rose, Brett, Neil Pluck, Owen Nuttridge, Brent Ablett, Darrin, Tanya & Reon Hulme, John Duxbury, Ange Bellew, Gavin Young, Ewan John Chapman, Treefella, Huge, Doug Coley, Mark Fisher, Ross Leith, Ian Hood, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Adair Bruorton, Stuart Fletcher</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitters directed criticism at authorities (ECAN, ADC and DOC) for perceived inaction and neglect of the issue. • Submitters also called for simpler solutions for reinstating water supply and frustration about the requirement for consent/ permissions to undertake work in the stream/ lake. | <p>Comments relating to bureaucracy are noted.</p> <p>Resource consent processes are out of scope of the RMP.</p> <p>Anyone wanting to undertake work that might affect the environment and is not permitted as of right in a district plan or regional plan, needs to apply for a permission or resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991.</p> <p>Activities involving structures in lake or riverbeds, water takes and discharges to land and water are managed by ECAN under the Regional Plan.</p> <p>Any activity on DOC owned conservation land requires permission, also referred to as a concession under the Conservation Act 1987.</p> <p>Expert evidence and reports are required to be submitted for applications for a resource consent and concessions.</p> <p>Requirements to apply for resource consent and concessions apply to everyone, including local authorities.</p> | <p>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</p> |

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| <p>Theme 12: Call for urgent and collaborative action</p> <p><i>This document provides summary of comments made by the submitters followed by staff comments and recommendations. For full comments by individual submitter please refer to Booklet 2 and look for the submitter name by using search bar.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>37 submissions</p> <p>Peter, Kim, Rebecca Kershaw, Veronika, Eve Robinson, Vicki Pluck, Rebecca Robinson, Tessa Vincent, Kyle Farquhar, Anonymous 7, Lynn & Gerald, Mark Saunders, Neil Pluck, Owen Nuttridge, Jim, C Pearson, Tanya & Reon Hulme, Rakaia River Holiday Park, Matt Body, Hamish Howard, Helen Young, Aimee Edgar, Ewan John Chapman, Carrie Wallis, Koa Brown (President, Canterbury Water Ski Association), Mark Kearney, Alan and Jane Totty, Luca, Mark, Jill Leith, Ian Hood, Julie Hood, Anonymous 16 (Fass Clare), Adair Bruorton, Dom Cosgrove, Anonymous 18, Rob Reid</p> | | <p>Submitters made strong calls for immediate action by authorities to prevent further deterioration of the lake environment.</p> <p>Some submitters requested that authorities work collaboratively with each other and stakeholders.</p> | <p>Concern about fluctuating water levels of the lake and requests for action are noted.</p> <p>See comments made under ‘Theme 2: The plan is inadequate to deal with the serious degradation of the lake’</p> <p>Addition of new policy (1) to foster collaboration between different authorities with overlapping responsibilities for Lake Camp, the management of waterways and conservation land.</p> <p>Also note staff comments under theme 11.</p> | <p>Recommend change:</p> <p>Addition of new policy 1 to address need for collaboration between authorities.</p> |
| <p>Errata and Corrections</p> | | | | |
| <p>N/A</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>Key issues</p> <p>Staff note that the last bullet point in the key issues section is incorrect. The use of the lake by clubs has been formalised, but the agreement has expired.</p> | <p>Recommend change</p> | <p>Update to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreement for the regular use of the lake by clubs appears to have expired not to have been formalised. |

6. Any other comments/feedback

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| Richard Mabon | | I believe that Reserve Boards, like the reserves they manage, are an asset to this district. | Support noted. |
| Margaret | | Please stop spending and increasing rates. Please consider our families of disabled children. | Request noted. Out of scope of the RMP. |
| Bev Skates (Litter-Free Ashburton) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiosk on State Highway 1 opposite Racecourse - Works Road. This area has had huge problems with illegal dumping, but work done by the Council Open Spaces team on limbing up of the trees has improved the area with less illegal dumping. • Kiosk on state highway 1 opposite the Racecourse has a broken fence from the weight of the trees before they were limbed up. Serious safety issues here with the speed of trains passing at 80km. Children are impulsive and run to see the train with no protection - its a serious accident waiting to happen. This is not a big job - replace some broken fence posts as reattach the existing wire - job done. • The limbing up of all the trees including the ones on the boundary of the railway needs to be finished and cleared away from the Kiosk right up to Works Road. • This is an area Litter-Free Ashburton volunteers constantly work on to keep the approach to Ashburton Litter-Free. • We want the East side of the highway to look as kept as the West side of the highway and with the planting spring bulbs on both sides and good Welcome to Ashburton signs it will show we pride ourselves in having a beautiful town. • Welcome to Ashburton signs North and South of Ashburton must go out to the public for consultation not just to the Council staff and councillors. • The signs should represent Ashburton as a farming district. We do not approve the signage that Council staff are looking at. Our welcome signs must be a talking point and provide opportunities for tourists to take photos. NB all towns | Operational requests are noted and to be further assessed by staff. |

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| | | <p>around NZ have very noticeable signs of welcome, it puts the town on the map for tourism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter-Free Ashburton volunteers, the Lions, Grey Power and Senior Citizens have all discussed the type of design that is included in this submission. None of the said group were in favour of the previous design chosen by the Council. NB shop local is what Council advocate, and this is what we are asking for - Listen to the Community. Funding from Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Ashburton Lions etc. SHOP LOCAL. See attachment | |
| Contributor 1842 | | When visiting the area --- all seem satisfactory. | Comment noted. |
| Hunter | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our playgrounds are horrible and so outdated little ones can't really play their as bark is terrible the new soft play floor is way better and we need to upgrade the domain also the road in and out needs to be wider Ashburton lack in Kids activities and it sucks. | <p>Comments noted. See comment above regarding bark/softfall. No substantial information provided on what is lacking in kids activities.</p> |
| Edith Smith | | The use of drought resistant native species which are locally sourced should be considered for future planting. | Suggestion noted. |
| Jonathan Everist | | Keep up your mahi, plas. | Support noted. |
| <p>Edith Smith</p> <p><i>(comments received on 28th August 2024 as the submitter could no longer attend the hearing)</i></p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan but I would like to congratulate them on the plan. I acknowledge the focus on native vegetation planting in the Domain, including the former aviary area and the restoration work with the native species on the Domain Island. Planting several Matai to commemorate King Charles Coronation in the Domain, the donation of plants and participation of Councillors and staff in the Coronation planting at the Harris Reserve as well as the extensive planting along the foothills, is further public support for our indigenous biodiversity. As a suggestion, planting in Council reserves could feature many larger native specimen trees such as Matai, Beech and Totara as well as smaller species such as Hoheria, Griselinia and Pseudopanax. Many of these are found in the | |

| Submitter name | Page | Summary | Staff comments |
|----------------|------|---|----------------|
| | | <p>Ashburton foothills. Perhaps labelling these species would help familiarise the general public with our local native species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also Forest and Bird would acknowledge Biodiversity Ecologist, Christian Chukwuka who has brought a greater awareness of Ashburton indigenous biodiversity to the Council and the wider community. | |

Deliberations:
5 September
2024

Draft Reserve Management Plan 2024

Purpose

To:

- Summarise consultation feedback received
- Seek Council's direction on the plan moving forward

Assumptions/Material provided



Summary report(s) material
provided



Assume that all
submissions/reports have
been reviewed

Reserves Act 1977

Relevant Considerations

Purpose of the Reserves Act 1977

3 General purpose of this Act

- (1) It is hereby declared that, subject to the control of the Minister, this Act shall be administered in the Department of Conservation for the purpose of—
 - (a) providing, for the preservation and management for the benefit and enjoyment of the public, areas of New Zealand possessing—
 - (i) recreational use or potential, whether active or passive; or
 - (ii) wildlife; or
 - (iii) indigenous flora or fauna; or
 - (iv) environmental and landscape amenity or interest; or
 - (v) natural, scenic, historic, cultural, archaeological, biological, geological, scientific, educational, community, or other special features or value:
 - (b) ensuring, as far as possible, the survival of all indigenous species of flora and fauna, both rare and commonplace, in their natural communities and habitats, and the preservation of representative samples of all classes of natural ecosystems and landscape which in the aggregate originally gave New Zealand its own recognisable character:
 - (c) ensuring, as far as possible, the preservation of access for the public to and along the sea coast, its bays and inlets and offshore islands, lakeshores, and riverbanks, and fostering and promoting the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment and of the margins of lakes and rivers and the protection of them from unnecessary subdivision and development.
- (2) In the exercise of its administration of this Act, the Department may take any action approved or directed from time to time by the Minister so far as it is consistent with this Act or is provided for in any other Act and is not inconsistent with this Act.

Management plans - s 41 of RA

(3) The management plan shall provide for and ensure the **use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation**, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, **the development**, as appropriate, of the reserve **for the purposes for which it is classified**, and shall incorporate and ensure compliance with the **principles** set out in [section 17](#), [section 18](#), [section 19](#), [section 20](#), [section 21](#), [section 22](#), or [section 23](#), as the case may be, for a reserve of that classification.

Reserve management plans are not...



Plans under the Resource Management Act



Operational plans e.g., maintenance, restoration plans, etc.



Spatial plans for parks (masterplans, concept plans, development plans)



A process to establish implementation priorities



A process to allocate funding

Operative District Plan
Urban Map Series
Methven



Long Term Plan 2018-28

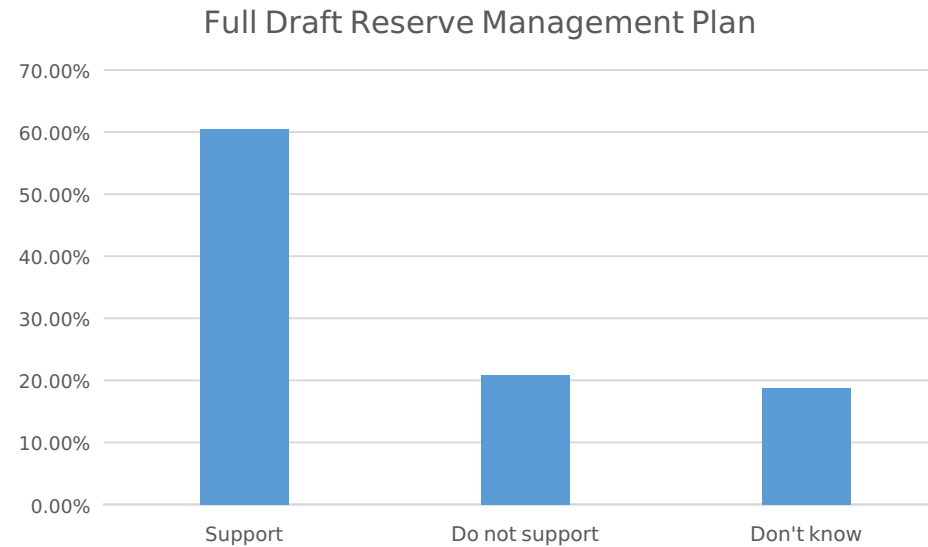


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Feedback Consideration

Feedback Summary Full Plan

Overall opinion on draft Reserve Management Plan



Key Feedback Points - Full Draft Plan

(p. 4-7)

Some of the points covered by comments

Largely positive comments from submitters on comprehensive plan and approach to engagement with mana whenua, to biodiversity and sustainability.

One submitter requested an athletics track at Ashburton Domain.

Submitter highlighted importance of outdoor open spaces for mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Typo on page 61 - Auckland instead of Ashburton District

One submitter questioned sincerity of Council in undertaking public consultation.

Officer Recommendation

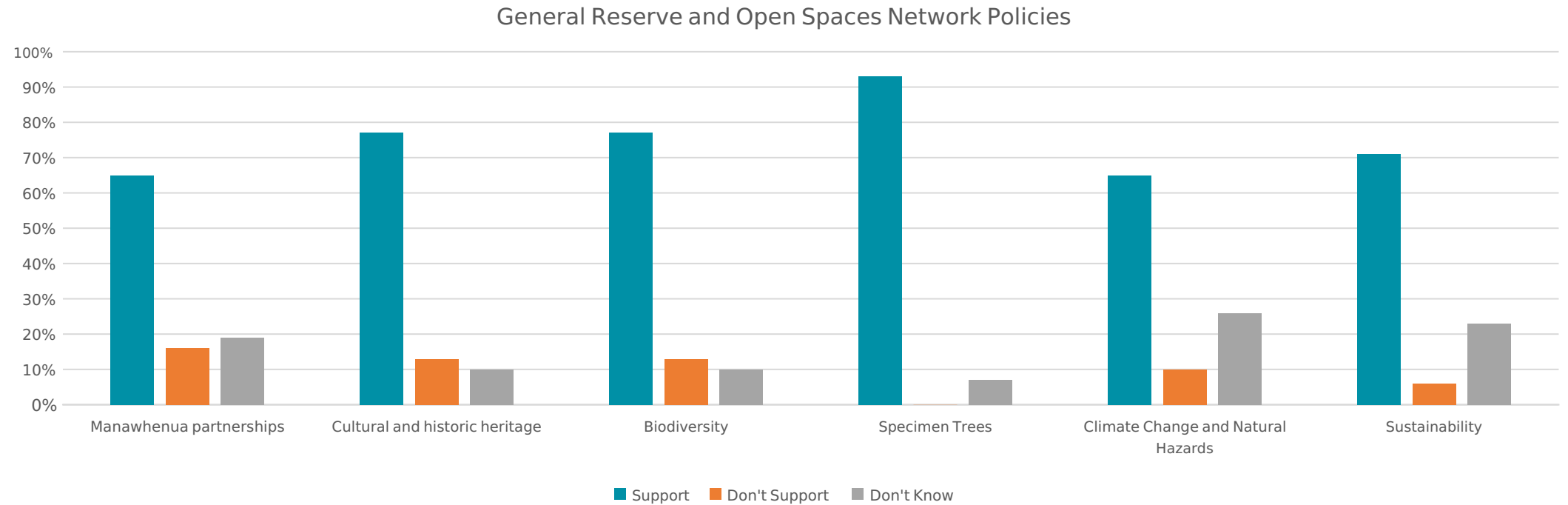
Staff recommend to correct typo and two errors/ make two updates to Volume 1 - include policy headings in the table of contents to make the plan easier to navigate and correct a spelling mistake in

Overall vision

- Do you want to make any changes to the draft Reserve Management Plan based on the feedback received on the overall plan?

Feedback Summary

General Reserves and Open Space Network Policies



Key Feedback Points

General Reserves and Open Space Network Policies (p. 9-13)

Some of the points covered by comments

Generally, very positive feedback about the policies.

One submitter requested that information be added about how council engaged with manawhenua.

One submitter requested that additional information be included about where the definitions for the Treaty of Waitangi principles in the plan have been obtained and requested adding a fourth one.

One submitter requested an update to the description of 'partnership' in the Treaty principles section.

One submitter requested additional infrastructure for biking.

One submitter requested the addition of a climate change policy that covers planning for climate change for reserves

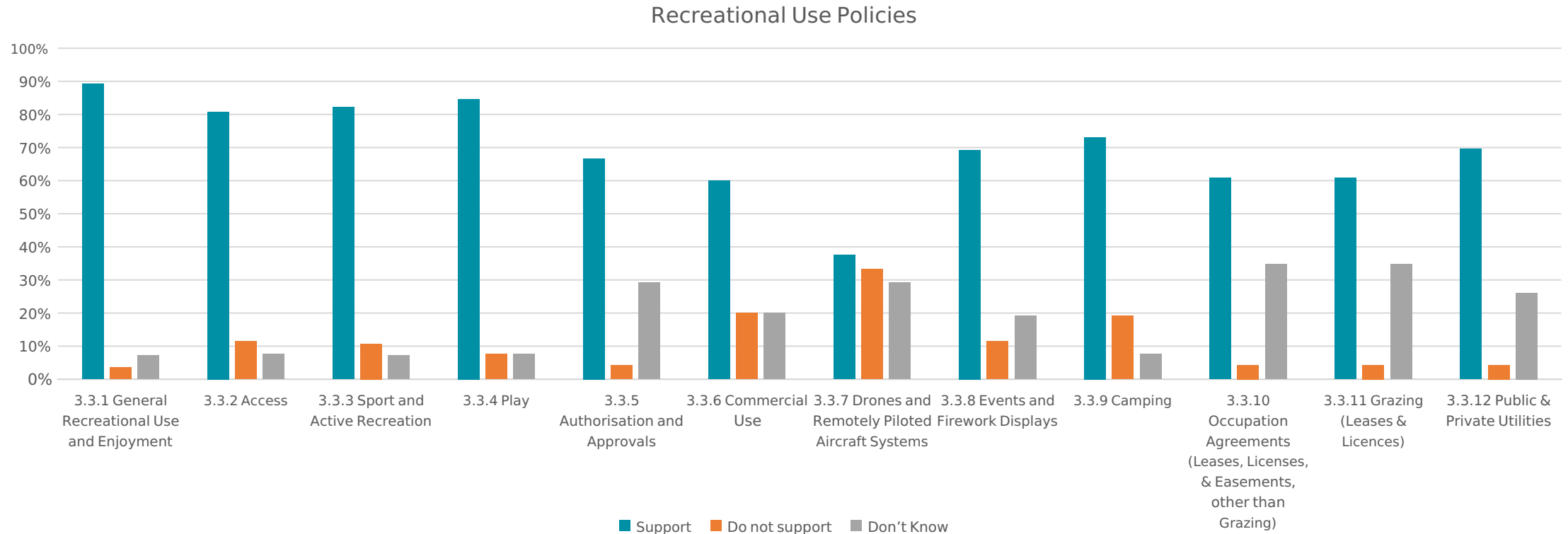
Officer Recommendation

General Reserves and Open Space Network Policies

- Do you want to make any changes to the General Reserve and Open Space Policies in the plan based on the feedback received?

Feedback Summary

Recreational Use Policies



Key Feedback Points

Recreational Use Policies (p. 16-18)

Some of the points covered by comments

Feedback was provided on 7 of 12 policies, generally supportive.

Policy 3.3.8 – 2 submitters do not support fireworks in parks.

Submitters expressed support for policies that make provision for accessible reserves, Sport and Recreation, and Play, especially provision of shade.

Policy 3.3.6 – 1 submitter notes support for commercial use only with strict controls.

3.3.9 – 1 submitter does not support freedom camping.

3.3.12 – 1 submitters seek clarification about what ‘utilities’ means

One submitter notes they do not support off road access to reserves.

Officer Recommendation

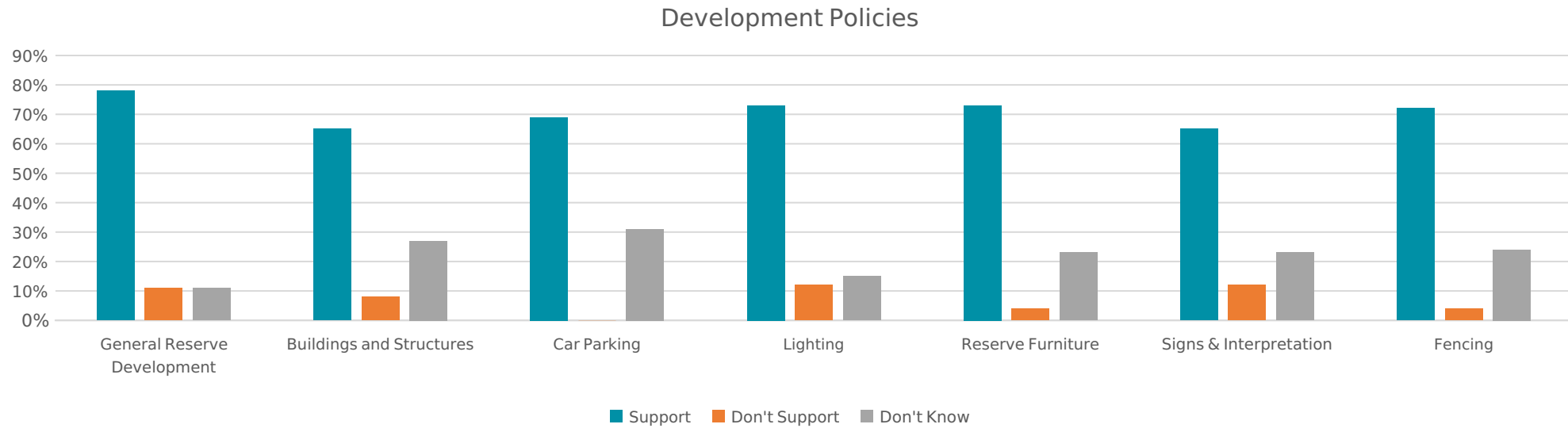
Update policy 3.3.12 to include explanation about what utilities are.

No other changes recommended.

Recreational Use Policies

- Do you want to make any changes to the Recreational Use Policies in the plan based on the feedback received?

Feedback Summary Development Policies



Key Feedback Points

Development Policies (p. 20-21)

Some of the points covered by comments

Submitters generally expressed support for the policies.

1 submitter requested an addition to policy 3.4.1 to highlight that Council works in partnership with clubs and community organisation, as well as Reserve Boards.

2 submitters misunderstood aspects of the plan regarding building and structures meaning that parks will be filled with buildings.

Several issues raised were out of the scope of the RMP e.g. provision of more car parks, restrictions on advertising and alcohol sponsorship.

One submitter requested dark sky.

Officer Recommendation

Update policy 3.4.1 as suggested by submitter.

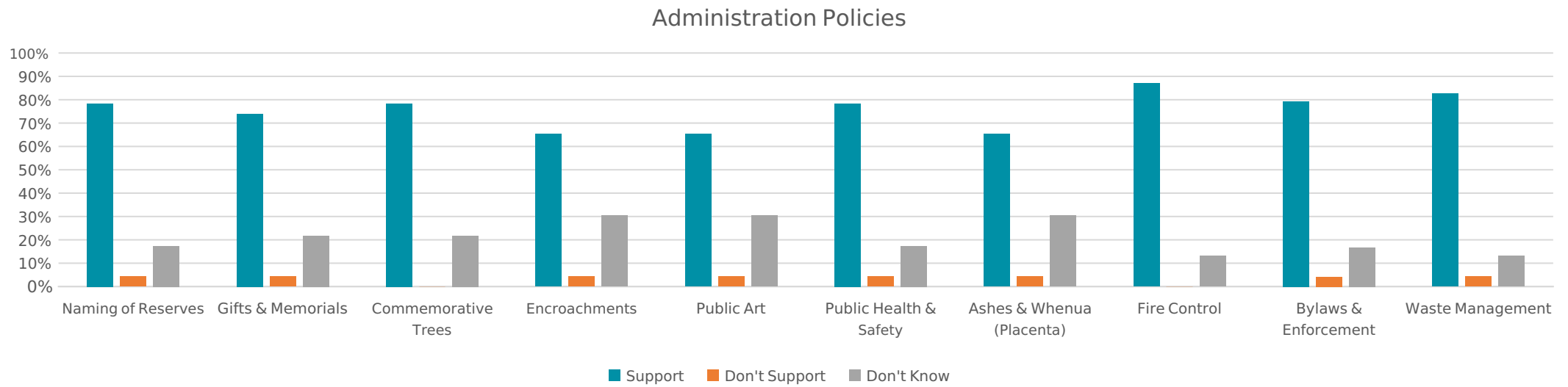
No other changes recommended.

Development Policies

- Do you want to make any changes to the Development Policies in the plan based on the feedback received?

Feedback Summary

Administration Policies



Key Feedback Points Administration Policies (p. 25-27)

Some of the points covered by comments

| | |
|---|---|
| Submitters noted support for the commemorative tree policy and encroachment policy. | 3 submissions related to the naming policy (3.5.1), one requesting public consultation, one supporting the policy, and one requesting that names of reserves should not be changed. |
| | 3 submissions were received in policy on the waste management policy (3.5.10). Comments were out of scope of the plan, as they either were in relation to household bins and the dump or an aspiration to ideally not need waste management at all. |
| | 1 submitter requested that Council consider increasing the number of smoke- and vape-free parks. |

Officer Recommendation

No changes recommended to policies based on submissions, as submitters are in support of the plan or points submitted

Administration Policies

- Do you want to make any changes to the Administration Policies in the plan based on the feedback received?

Feedback Summary

Feedback on individual parks & reserves - Volume 2-5

Key Feedback Points

Volume 2 - Ashburton Domain & Gardens *(p. 28-32)*

Some of the points covered by comments

| | |
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| <p>Submitters provided generally positive feedback about the Domain as a valuable community asset.</p> | <p>Mixed feelings about commercial use of the Domain were expressed by submitters. The submitters supported limited use but prefer it remains green and open.</p> |
| <p>Feedback included positive comments about plantings and maintenance.</p> | <p>Submitters highlighted the importance of creating accessible playground for all ages and abilities.</p> |
| <p>Submitters made some suggestions about improvements to the playground and water features.</p> | |
| <p>Officer Recommendation</p> | |
| <p>No changes recommended to policies based on submissions, as submitters are in support of the plan or points submitted on are out of scope of the plan</p> | <p>123</p> |

Volume 2 - Ashburton Domain & Gardens *(p. 28-32)*

- Do you want to make any changes to Volume 2 of the draft plan, covering Ashburton Domain & Gardens, based on the feedback received?

Volume 3 - Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards *(p. 33-39)*

Eight of 15 reserves were submitted on:

- Alford Forest Domain
- Methven Domain
- Mayfield Domain
- Tinwald Domain
- Greenstreet Domain
- Mount Somers Domain
- Pendarves Domain
- Rakaia Domain (Michael Street)
- One staff recommendation for Tinwald Domain

Key Feedback Points

Volume 3 - Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards (p. 33-39)

| Some of the points covered by comments | Officer Recommendation |
|---|---|
| <p>Multiple reserves - submitters noted appreciation for work of reserve boards and level of maintenance and development.</p> | |
| <p>Greenstreet Domain - submitters (2) highlighted work undertaken by reserve board, including plans for tennis court, issues around manawhenua engagement, hall renewal work, playground, planning and ongoing maintenance. Opposed to installation of signage and additional tree plantings. Noted that the committee is relatively young and that obtaining funds is not an issue for them.</p> | <p>Greenstreet Domain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Key issues - remove reference to aging volunteers- Remove policy 3 - support reserve board in obtaining alternative sources of income- Development opportunities - remove reference to hall renewal- Recommend no change to other development opportunities e.g. signs and additional tree planting |

Key Feedback Points

Volume 3 - Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards *(p. 33-39)*

Some of the points covered by comments

Officer Recommendation

Rakaia Domain (Michael Street)

- one submitter requested 'rezoning' of reserve for residential and 'rezone' part of Burrowes Road to reserve and exchange the two areas.
- One submitter suggested that part of this reserve should be developed and a playground installed

Rakaia Domain (Michael Street):

- Zoning is an RMA process – out of scope
- Land exchanges under the RA a possibility
 - out of scope of the RMP
- Recommend no change to RMP, but proposal has merit and can be further considered as part of the Open Space Strategy implementation;
- Funding required to undertake relevant work

Methven Domain – request to remove reference to hockey.

Methven Domain:

- Remove reference to hockey

Key Feedback Points

Volume 3 - Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards *(p. 33-39)*

| Some of the points covered by comments | Officer Recommendation |
|--|--|
| Tinwald Domain - request for pool | |
| Pendarves Domain - reserve board support the plan and noted, that plans are underway for renewal of tennis court, income through licence and would like to discuss potential relocation of recycling station prior to any Council decision. | |
| | |
| | Corrections: Tinwald Domain - maps only show part of the reserve. Staff recommend to update the map. |

Volume 3 - Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards *(p. 33-39)*

- Do you want to make any other changes to Volume 3 of the draft plan, covering Reserves Managed by Reserve Boards, based on the feedback received?

Volume 4 - Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves *(p. 40-46)*

Submissions were received for 19 of 63 reserves :

- Argyle Park
- Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park
- Ashburton Cemetery
- Argyle Park
- Baring Square East
- Baring Square West
- East Street Green - CBD
- EANC Open Space
- Fairfield Road Reserve
- Ferrier Place Park
- George Glassey Park
- Harland Street Park
- Huntingdon Ave Playground Reserve
- Lake Hood
- Mania-O-Roto Park
- Mona Square
- Parkland at 828 East Street
- Parkland at Bremners Road
- 136 • Wisteria Place Park

Key Feedback Points

Volume 4 - Ashburton Neighbourhood

Reserves (p. 40-46)

Some of the points covered by comments

Multiple reserves - submitters noted **appreciation** for parks and level of maintenance and development.

Several submissions were relating to **operational matters**, which have been passed on to relevant staff to assess.

George Glassey Park - submitter requested a scooter/bike track here.

Baring Square East - one submitter requested further development

One submitter requested no more rates rises and would like to see a new toilet block at **Ashburton Cemetery**.

Several submissions related to matters that are **out of scope** of the RMP e.g. dog control, court space at EA Network Centre, joining of lakes at Lake Hood, etc.

Key Feedback Points

Volume 4 - Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves (p. 43-44)

| Some of the points covered by comments | Officer Recommendation |
|---|--|
| <p>Fairfield Road Reserve - 4 submissions received. Submitters requested that the lease activity be ceased and (part of) the reserve developed as a community space.</p> | <p>Fairfield Road Reserve - add policy to investigate opportunities to create a neighbourhood park, in consultation with the community.</p> |
| | <p>Errata/Corrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff recommend to correct errors in the plan as per page 39. - EA Network Centre Open Space - staff recommend to update the name in the plan to Smallbone Drive Reserve. |

Volume 4 - Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves *(p. 40-46)*

- Do you want to make any changes to Volume 4 of the draft plan, covering Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves, based on the feedback received?

Volume 5 - Methven & Rural Reserves - excluding Lake Camp (p. 47-52)

Submissions were received for 15 of 43 reserves :

- Allan Lochhead Green - North
- Chambers Park
- Methven Cemetery
- Methven Dog Park
- Methven Skatepark
- Thyme Stream Walkway
- Ashton Beach Reserve
- Awa Awa Rata Reserve
- Bowyers Stream Rest Area
- Harris Scientific Reserve
- Sharplin Falls Recreation Reserve
- Taylors Stream Reserve
- Valetta Bridge Recreation Reserve
- Wakanui/Whakanui Beach
- Land in Rakaia

Key Feedback Points

Volume 5 - Methven & Rural Reserves - excluding Lake Camp (p. 47-48)

Some of the points covered by comments

Multiple reserves - overall supportive sentiment of submissions is supportive. Concerns were raised about accessibility, environmental protection, and maintenance of some reserves.

Reserves in Methven - one submitter is advocating for improved accessibility for wheelchairs and use of different safety surfaces.

Allan Lochhead Green - one submitter requested a rubbish bin to be installed.

Key Feedback Points

Volume 5 - Methven & Rural Reserves - excluding Lake Camp (p. 48-50)

Some of the points covered by comments

Harris Scientific Reserve - support for review of model aero club use and importance to protect and restore ecological values.

Valetta Bridge Recreation Reserve- support for plans to review grazing and protect and restore

Ashton Beach Reserve - support for focus on protection and restoration of ecological values and manawhenua aspirations.

Wakanui/Whakanui Beach - support for strong cultural association and ecological restoration.

Key Feedback Points

Volume 5 - Methven & Rural Reserves - excluding Lake Camp (p. 49)

| Some of the points covered by comments | Officer Recommendation |
|---|---|
| | Chambers Park - update development opportunities for playground development to consider all ages and abilities. |
| Awa Awa Rata Reserve - 1 submitter - noted that plant pests and camping are also issues for the site, advocated for collaboration of relevant stakeholders e.g. DOC, ADC and reserve committee in maintaining reserve and development, especially regarding tracks and signage. Want no additional exotic plantings. | Awa Awa Rata Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Key issues: add plant pest control and camping- Add two policies:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. about working together with DOC and Awa Awa Rata Reserves Society2. Focus of future plantings should be on native species |
| 137 | Errata/Corrections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Staff recommend to correct errors in the plan as per page 61. |

Volume 5 - Methven & Rural Reserves (p. 47-52)

- Do you want to make any other changes to Volume 5 of the draft plan, covering Methven & Rural Reserves, based on the feedback received?

12 Key Feedback Themes

Volume 5 - Lake Camp (p. 57-74)

Save the Lake
(99 Submissions)

The plan is
inadequate to deal
with the serious
degradation of the
lake
(5 Submissions)

Feedback on specific
policies in DRMP
(6 Submissions)

Camping
(3 Submissions)

Concern for low
water level in Lake
Camp
(85 Submissions)

Support for
reinstatement of
Balmacaan Stream
diversion
(170 Submissions)

Importance of
recreational and
social values of Lake
Camp and need to
protect these
(140 Submissions)

Concern about
impact on ecological
and scenic values
from low water levels
at Lake Camp
(51 Submissions)

Economic Impact
(19 Submissions)

Safety concerns
resulting from low
water levels of Lake
Camp
(20 Submissions)

Frustration about
Authorities' Delays
and Bureaucratic
Hurdles
(26 Submissions)

Call for urgent and
collaborative action
(37 Submissions)

Key Feedback Points

Volume 5 - Lake Camp *(p. 56-74)*

Some of the points covered by comments

General comments/ support - 3 submitters made generally supportive comments regarding biodiversity, acknowledgement of climate change and manawhenua aspirations. Submitters also praised the development of recreation facilities over recent years.

The plan is inadequate in addressing lake degradation - 5 submitters expressed doubt about the effectiveness of policies in managing lake quantity/ quality issues, raised questions about water quality, called for development of a clear strategy to protect and restore values and manage water levels proactively.

Specific policies - 6 submitters commented on specific policies, some expressing support, some calling for amendments.

Camping - 1 submitter advocated to retain camping, one noted that campers are camping in non-designated area, one called to manage growth of freedom camping.

Key Feedback Points

Volume 5 - Lake Camp (p. 57-74)

Officer Recommendation

Volume 1 - Update section 2.3:

- make clearer the split of responsibilities of local and regional councils.

Update Key Issues:

- Highlight that water quality and quantity monitoring is ECAN responsibility,
- Highlight that lake is susceptible to water level fluctuations due to small catchment, also climate change impacts.

Add new Policy 1:

- Policy focuses on implementation of Landscape Management Plan - Lake Clearwater/Te Puna-o Taka settlement and Lake Camp' and what its focus for implementation is.

Update Policy 2 (was policy 1):

- add intention to collaborate with DOC, ECAN, manawhenua and other stakeholders on implement

Update Policy 2 (was policy 1):

- Add sub-bullet point that emphasises focus on 'understanding, and where appropriate, **planning for** and addressing impacts of fluctuating water levels on the community and lake ecology,'

Update Policy 3 (was policy 2):

- Work with ECAN to understand impact of environmental conditions on the ability to safely carry out recreational activity on the lake and communicate issues to users of the lake.

Update Policy 4 (was policy 3):

- Remove reference to Mount Somers

Update Policy 5 (was policy 4):

- add detail about where camping is permitted.

Errata/ Corrections:

Key issues

- Update the last bullet point under key issue, to say that use agreement appears to have expired.

Recommend no change:

Volume 5 - Lake Camp *(p. 56-74)*

- Do you want to make any other changes to Volume 5 of the draft plan, covering Lake Camp, based on the feedback received?

Key Feedback Points

Other comments & feedback (p. 75-77)

Some of the points covered by comments

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| One submitter expressed support for the work of the Reserve Boards. | One submitter requested a stop to spending and increasing rates. |
| One submitter expressed that all reserves they visited in the area were satisfactory. | Several operational matters, relating the the kiosk on SH1, were raised by one submitter. |
| One submitter asked Council to keep up the mahi. | One submitter requested that bark not be used as a playground surface. |
| | One submitter requested that drought resistant, locally sourced native plant species be considered for future plantings. |

Officer Recommendation

No changes recommended to plan based on submissions. Submissions were either supportive, captured by existing policies in the plan or of an operational nature.

Other comments and feedback (p. 75-77)

- Do you want to make any other changes to the draft Reserve Management Plan based on the other comments and feedback received?

Any questions / feedback?

THANK YOU

Officers will bring the final Reserve Management Plan back to Council in a report for adoption at a later date.

Appendix C

Council Hearings

5 September 2024



Reserve Management Plan Submission Hearings & Deliberations – 5/09/24

Minutes of a Council's Hearing of Submissions on the Reserve Management Plan, commencing at 9.12am on Thursday 5 September 2024, in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

Mayor Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors Phill Hooper (Chair), Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (CE), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Nicki Malone (Xyst)

Apologies

Nil.

Introduction

Change to timetable with some submitters withdrawing.

Submitters

9.13am **Bev Skates – Litter free Ashburton**

- Suggested a visit to Foster Park, Rolleston is a good example for playground design.
- Council should provide some money, and funding could also be sought from a service club for a Welcome to Ashburton sign. It has been 6 years since first discussed. The kiosk area is well used with people stopping. Need to 'talk up' Ashburton and what's happening.
- Suggestion of metal 'animals' at both north and south entrance.

9.28am **Dave Eddington**

- Suggests rezoning a block on Michael Street as housing (25-30 homes) and include a new playground. Exchange Michael St reserve with Burrowes Rd area.
- Understands the land proposed in the plans 2 and 3 are freehold and plan 1, reserve.
- An east side development / subdivision should be able to be marketed as easily as on the west side. Submitter's proposal is the only option left for this scale development.
- Submitter hasn't had discussions with the Rakaia Reserve Board on the proposal.

9.40am **Alan Knowles**

- Lake Camp (displayed photos) – a 'go to' site for photographers

- Commented on the value of mussels which act as water filters and is one of the reasons Lake Camp water is so clear (big population). Population has been arrested (no juveniles) – likely eaten by perch.
- Submitter wants to protect the mussels – doesn't support cl.5 of Plan (allowing any group wanting to set up for their own use of shellfish).
- Balmacaan will eventually go through swamps to west of Lake Roundabout, and then into Lake Emma. The flow from Balmacaan crosses the bike track – there's always water in it.
- If Balmacaan was diverted to Camp – possibly could further reduce water into Lake Emma. All of the water in Balmacaan has been going into Lake Roundabout (which has a good level), but no flow into Emma. May not be able to solve as there may not be enough water. Has been a very unusual and serious drought this summer.
- Recalls that the last counting of mussels was done in 2022 (Niwa funded research) – Lake Camp site (around 390 mussels/m²) and nearby lakes. Concern is that the population is not replenishing. May last another 50 years. Need to act now to try and find a way of inducing population to breed.
- Accepts that nature may have to take its course, but believes it would be relatively easy to install a diversion (pipe) towards Lake Camp, which could help.
- Lake Camp is an amenity to be cared for – its under threat.

Concluded 10am.

10.00am **Athel Price**

- Submitter would support a diversion into Lake Camp. Quality of water will benefit from water coming from Balmacaan.
- Council should reinstate the consent to take water from Balmacaan. Without water from this stream, Lake Camp will likely continue to drop until its no longer a place that people will enjoy visiting.
- It's a human priority – a major recreational area and consent should be sought.
- The work required to remove the slip and reinstate the stream is reasonably minimal. Not reasonable to spend hundreds of thousands, but Council should use its best efforts to get the consent.

Concluded 10.07am.

10.07am **Rob Reid**

- Lake Camp – attention needs to be given to the users. Multiple recreational use and biodiversity. The users do a lot of the work – tree planting, rubbish collection, wilding pine removal. Important to support these groups, otherwise a situation could arise where people stop using the area.
- Protecting water quality of the lake, and ensuring recreation can be carried out safely are key.
- Asked if Council considers the water quality to be fine at the moment. How long will it take to turn the lake around. Commented on the work done at Lake Clearwater to improve.
- Fluctuating levels of water in back-country streams is usual. Would be benefit if water in high-flow situations can be taken advantage of.
- Observed its Lake Emma that has had poor quality water over past two years.

Concluded at 10.15am.

Adjourned from 10.15am to 10.30am

10.30am **Brett**

- Lake Camp – agrees that nature should take its course, but also commented on the opportunity that exists to protect a waterway. Lake needs a ‘helping hand’
- Would like to see water diverted back into Lake Camp, and that the consent is a “community consent”. Local people have indicated they’ll assist (time and money)
- Understands that Fish & Game couldn’t continue to meet the cost of holding consent – believes that Council, as guardian of area, would hold the consent.

Concluded at 10.39am

10.40am **Hut Holders Association – Vanessa Wright**

- Lake Camp – observed that use is around 35% hutholders but majority from wider community
- Diversion needs to be in place to keep water levels required for recreational use
- Would like to see ‘quantity’ added to the monitoring clause
- Submitter has spoken with Arowhenua. They are concerned about pillages in the lake but they haven’t commented further on specifics. Believes they wouldn’t support a diversion.
- Submitter is gathering more information that will be sent to Council (referencing other hydrologist and opinion)
- Fundraising page set up. Waiting for Council decision before activating this. Around 2,000 people signed a petition – there’s support from people.

Concluded at 10.51am.

10.52am **Mark Saunders**

- Lake Camp - wants to reinstate Balmacaan diversion into Lake Camp.
- District population has grown – Lake Hood is oversubscribed (and has water quality issues) – Lake Camp is a special environment – needs sufficient water to make it thrive and provide
- Uncertain about where money would need to be spent for solutions. Understands there have been offers from community to assist.

11.03am **Suzie Sower**

Video recording.

Lake Camp – commented on the sense of community / connection the lake provides. Wants Council to do what can be done to maintain the lake water levels and

11.10am **Ewan Chapman**

- Lake Camp – Plan doesn’t list the attributes. Doing nothing would have disastrous consequences for Lake Camp.
- Wants Council to identify that the Lake and lake levels are important – and must be actively managed. Ascribe values to the water.
- Believes that, if there is a need to fund issues associated with this area (consent), Council would find there is good will in the community. Would expect there would be donations made if Council takes positive initiative of seeking consent.

Concluded at 11.16am

Adjourned from 11.16am – 11.34am

Ian Hyde and Tania Paddock attended

Deliberations

Feedback on full Draft Plan

Editorial changes will be made, as shown.

No further changes made to the draft Reserve Management Plan, based on the feedback received on the overall Plan.

General reserves and open space network policies

Agreed, add information about engagement with manawhenua and update of definition of 'partnership'

Agreed no further changes.

Recreational Use Policies

Public and private utilities policy

Agreed, update policy 3.3.12 to include explanation about what utilities are.

Agreed no further changes.

Development Policies

- **General Reserve Development**

Agreed, update policy 3.4.1 as suggested by submitter.

Administration Policies

No changes have been recommended. Council agreed.

Nicki explained that the idea is not to develop new policies where there are existing policies in place – e.g. naming policy

Officers will pick up comments from feedback when reviewing the other policies.

Council doesn't have a 'tree' policy. Officers look at individual sites to determine whether indigenous or exotic trees are planted. Ian Soper advised there's an increasing preference for indigenous.

Reserve Boards make their decisions on planting, generally in consultation with Open Spaces.

Key Feedback points – Ashburton Domain & Gardens

No changes have been recommended. Council agreed.

Domain playground – allocation of \$330k for next financial year to update some existing equipment.

Noted a submitter's comment re Foster Park, Rolleston as an example where softfall rubber is used. Officers advised that the cost to convert to rubberised softfall would be around 880k.

Reserve Management Plan policies are enabling opportunities – i.e. what can be done within the policies, then there's other processes, such as long-term plans.

The role of the management plan is to enable things to happen at specific sites, rather than prescribing specifically of how that will happen.

Officers will advocate for retention of 'stockwater' races through the domain.

Adjourned from 12.18pm to 12.45pm

Reserves managed by Reserve Boards

- **Greenstreet Domain**

Agreed, remove reference to aging volunteers, remove Policy 3 (support reserve board in obtaining alternative sources of income) and remove reference to hall renewal.

No change to other development opportunities.

Signage – there isn't a standardised approach, but there's an agreed view this should change. The Open Spaces Manager confirmed there will be signage provided to Greenstreet.

Open Spaces would work with any reserve board to partner in funding playground equipment.

- **Rakaia Domain**

Rezoning proposal – not within scope of the Plan (RMA process)

Agreed no change to the Plan, but further consideration will be given to the proposal as part of the Open Space Strategy implementation.

Officers will explore zoning and exchange of land. Council will need to give direction on whether this proposal is to be further explored.

Draft Reserve Management Plan isn't impacted.

After deliberations, the final Plan will be presented to Council to adopt – that could be the time to pick up on proposals that are outside the scope/

The Mayor noted that Rakaia Community Association has also submitted, with a suggestion for a playground on this piece of land. He suggested that as Council owns other land in Rakaia, Council could look at opening up this land for housing. He further suggested looking at the existing Rakaia Strategic Plan to see what updates are needed.

The Chief Executive advised that if there's general agreement, Council could give direction now on a high level investigation on the status of the land.

Council agreed to look at this reserve swap during the 2025/26 Annual Plan preparation.

- **Methven Domain**

Agreed, remove reference to hockey.

- **Tinwald Domain**

Agreed, update map to show the full reserve .

- **Pendarves Domain**

Draft Plan references potential to move the recycling station outside the reserve. But it doesn't have to happen.

Agreed no change.

- **Hinds Domain**

Landscape plan – subject to funding. The Board doesn't have to do this.

It was reported that Hinds reserve have been told that a landscape management plan is needed if they want to remove trees.

The Open Spaces Manager advised that trees on reserve board sites generally go to Open Spaces for comment and there is a Regulation in District Plan that requires trees over 10m to have a greater level of critique. A landscape plan is recommended where boards are wanting strategic direction. Not a requirement across the board.

Nicki commented that it seems that because of District Plan ruling, the reserve has needed to apply for a resource consent. Outside of the RMP process, could look at this with Open Spaces.

Ashburton Neighbourhood Reserves

- **Fairton reserve (Fairfield Rd)**

Agreed, add policy to investigate opportunities, in consultation with the community.

Site has a grazing licence in place until 2026.

Council gave a direction to investigate the feasibility of whether this land, or a portion of it, should be retained and developed as a recreation reserve.

Methven & Rural Reserves (excluding Lake Camp)

- **Chambers Park**

Agreed to look at development opportunities for playground to cater for a wider range of ages. Aim is to have points of difference in the four Methven playgrounds.

- **Bird viewing platform** – refer these comments to ECan.

- **Awa Awa Rata reserve**

Agreed, add policy that emphasises the need to collaborate with DOC and the intent to plant no additional species of exotic plants (but existing rhododendron plantings remain and may be replaced).

Will re-word policy to make it clear that new exotic species won't be introduced.

- **Rakaia land**

Submission out of scope. Refer to LTP / Annual Plan process, but advise submitter that it will be planning.

Lake Camp

A range of recommendations, based on submissions received.

Council agreed to the officer recommendations – update Policies 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; and clarify there is a Use Agreement (expired).

Council will separately consider the matter of a resource consent for diverting water into Lake Camp.

Officers will include more context in the description of the reserve to highlight the value that the community places on this area.

The Chief Executive advised that Council will need to be mindful that if 'enabling' is referred to in the Reserve Management Plan, it may pre-empt decision.

If Council considers whether it should apply for consent, and a DOC permit, to provide for diversion – is this going to be inconsistent? The issue is ensuring that there is clarity for Council, and particularly for the community, given the short period of time between decisions.

An option may be to leave "Volume 5" on the table.

Nicki explained that the intention of the Plan is to 'enable' but doesn't mean it has to happen. Acknowledged Council won't want to show pre-determination. But the Plan will enable the work to happen, if Council wants to make funding available.

Could pick up this matter after Council has made a decision on whether it wishes to pursue resource consent.

Council agreed to leave this matter on the table.

The report to Council on 18 September, in respect to the resource consent and permit process, won't be linked to the submissions presented on the draft Reserve Management Plan.

Other comments and feedback

- ***Kiosk – SHI***

This, and other suggestions have been taken on board from operational perspective.

- ***Welcome to Ashburton signage***

Retained in Year 4 of LTP (\$150k). Council could choose to bring forward this project through next year's annual plan process.

- ***Train speed***

While advice is that trains are travelling through Ashburton at around 50km/hr, will advise submitter that Council shares their concerns and has raised this with Kiwirail.

Next Steps

Report back to Council after 18 September.

The final adoption of the Plan can be pushed back to November / December.

Hearing and deliberations concluded at 2.14pm.

7. *Central Business District Road Closure Issues and Options Report*

Author *Simon Worthington; Economic Development Manager*
Executive Team Member *Ian Hyde; GM Compliance & Development*

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to present issues and options regarding road closures on East Street for events.
- East Street has been the venue for different events for many years, however it was unavailable for events during the recent CBD upgrades.
- At present there is only one annual event during which East Street and parts of Burnett and Tancred Streets are closed. The affected area is identified on the annotated aerial photograph attached as Appendix 1.
- Following a recent closure Council received a deputation from a group of business people located in the town centre expressing concerns and suggesting changes to the rules around closures of East Street and surrounding streets in this area.

Recommendation

1. **That** Council receives the report.

Attachment

Appendix 1 Map of impacted area

Background

1. East Street has been the venue for many events in the past. During the recent CBD redevelopment events could not take place and alternate venues were sought. Some previous CBD events found alternate locations and have not returned. The CBD upgrades also changed traffic flows to one way for Burnett and Tancred Streets which have additional implications for access to central Ashburton during events.
2. Council has processes in place for events which involve road closure under the Local Government Act. Under these requirements events closing roads are currently referred to Council where objections are received through the process.
3. On 23 September 2024, the annual Market Day event took place requiring a road closure of East Street, between Moore and Havelock Streets, and Burnett and Tancred Streets, between East and Cass Streets (referred to in this report subsequently as the CBD). A traffic management plan (TMP) was developed and approved for this event.
4. Prior to the event taking place, but after the advertised period for objections had closed, some retailers informed the Council that they had missed the published road closure notices and said they were therefore unable to object to the road closure.
5. On 30 October a deputation of CBD retailers presented to Council about their concerns and the impact that events were having on their businesses. The retailer's concerns were specifically directed to commercial events and particularly those events closing the roads in the CBD all day. Concern was also raised that the reach of the public notice might be limited and there should be other communication channels utilised. The three core points raised are summarised as:
 - There is a loss of income for businesses with trading down 30%-50% on days where there is a road closure in the CBD.
 - Some businesses are having to close their businesses on event days due to the loss of local customer trade.
 - Access to businesses is inhibited on days where the CBD is closed.
6. A discussion between Councillors and the members of the deputation during the Council meeting indicated that it is commercial events that are the biggest barrier for retailers as these take place during trading hours and that community events taking place later in the day create less economic impact on the retailers.
7. It is unclear to officers whether the views of the presenters are representative of the wider community.
8. In relation to the consultation used in the process, road closures are required under the Local Government Act process which directs the proposal to be advertised twice in a community newspaper.

The closure was advertised on the Council website and in the Council Brief in the Ashburton Guardian and Ashburton Courier on Friday, 16 August 2024 and Friday, 23 August 2024. Responses were requested to be filed before 4.00pm on Tuesday, 27 August 2024, more than exceeding the legislative requirement for notification.

History of CBD events and road closures

9. Since 2020 Council has received two objections to road closures in the central business district:
 - a. Market Day 2022
 - i. A total of 16 businesses and/or individuals from the CBD objected to the closure through the three objections received. They submitted that they do not support the closure due to the disruption to traffic movement and restricted access to their businesses or places of work.
 - ii. At the hearing on 7 September 2022 Council resolved to allow the road closure to proceed.
 - b. Light up the Night 2022
 - i. One objection to the road closure was received from a CBD business in response to the 2022 Light up the Night event. Council resolved to proceed with the road closure.
 - ii. An objection to the road closure was received from a CBD retailer regarding the 2023 Light up the Night event. Council resolved to proceed with the road closure.
10. Aside from the two objections above, Council has not previously made resolutions on the matter of events and road closures in the CBD since the CBD revitalisation was undertaken. Research by staff was unable to identify any historic objections prior to this.

Previous solutions to past issues

11. The Council has road closure processes in place which require notification and engagement between the organiser and those people potentially affected by the event. Historically the event organiser was required to engage with affected parties at least seven days prior to the event occurring; however in developing a best practice approach, officers have recently added an additional requirement that event organisers must communicate with impacted parties by a letter drop prior to any road closure notices being advertised.
12. There is still a requirement to work with affected parties to help with access and egress at least seven days prior to the event taking place. There are a number of events now subject to this additional requirement including the Santa Parade and all motor vehicle events. This was not a requirement for Market Day this year; however it will be in future years.

13. Road closures for events have historically occurred on this part of East Street, including:
 - Waitangi on East
 - Santa Parade
 - Light up the Night
 - Multicultural Bite
 - New Years Event
 - Mid Town Mardi Gras
14. Market Day is currently the only event that requires a road closure in the CBD, this event occurs annually on South Canterbury's Anniversary Day.

Alternative event venues

15. Ashburton has a number of venues suitable for large scale events including the area around Te Whare Whakaterere, EA Network Centre, A&P Showgrounds, Ashburton Racecourse and the Ashburton Domain. The recent Hakaterere Noodle Festival was an example of how the space outside Te Whare Whakaterere could be used to run large scale public events and Glow in the Park was a successful demonstration of a significantly large event in the Ashburton Domain.
16. In undertaking Council events in the Baring Square East area, a template for a TMP has been developed with Council staff and contractors. This is available for use by community event organisers. This will potentially save time and costs associated with TMP design for event organisers. There would still be a requirement for event organisers to cover the implementation and monitoring costs associated with the TMP.

Economic and community impact of CBD events

17. The organiser of Market Day reports that the split between attendees who reside in the district and those outside the district is circa 50:50.

What do others do

18. There are examples of other towns and cities that have event free areas; in New Zealand Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin have restrictions on events principally in residential areas. For all the examples cited, the measures are typically aimed at enhancing the quality of life for residents and ensuring that spaces serve their intended purpose effectively.

The current situation

19. Historically, the part of East Street in Ashburton between Moore Street and Havelock Street has been used as an event location. In recent years the number of events has declined and Market Day is currently the only event that applies to close the street.

20. The traffic management process dictates that event organisers must lodge an application at least 42 days prior to an event taking place.

Options analysis

21. This report is for information only. The options presented give Councillors possible alternatives that provide retailers and event organisers with more clarity in respect of road closures and event options. The four options present some possible alternatives; however Council may be minded to follow an alternative option.
22. As previously noted in this report, it is unclear whether the views of those that spoke to Council are representative of the views of others involved or potentially affected by these events, or the wider community. Councillors may wish to direct staff to conduct a consultation exercise if they consider it appropriate.
23. This report is presented as an information only report with the corresponding recommendation. However, as the request was for issues and options to be presented, staff have considered possible paths that Council could take in relation to this matter and these are presented as possible options below.
24. For the purposes of the possible options below, “commercial events” are defined as a person or entity running an event where the profit is retained for the person or shareholders of that entity. Typically, commercial events include trade shows, conferences, markets, product launches and ticketed concerts.
25. A “community event” is run by an individual, group, Trust or Charity, with the proceeds or profits going to a community-centred cause or the event being focussed on providing a benefit to the community. Typical community events include free festivals, charity runs, neighbourhood fairs and cultural celebrations.
26. Officers note that events may share attributes of both community and commercial events, and individual cases may be difficult to clearly characterise as purely one or the other.
27. If Council is minded to receive the report as recommended then no further action is required, however if further action is directed by Councillors, which might involve consultation or amendment to existing processes, then staff would include these in their workstreams.

Potential option one – No change

- 28. Event organisers would provisionally book the space and then complete an event application. The road closure would be notified no fewer than 42 days before the event and objectors have up to 28 days prior to the event to make their objections.
- 29. Following the feedback from Market Day this year officers responsible for traffic management plans and road closures have changed the process for road closures relating to events. An additional step has been introduced into the process which now requires event organisers to communicate with impacted communities prior to a road closure being advertised. This new process should reduce any surprises for the community and allow them to participate more fully in the process.
- 30. Events are considered on their merits and on the basis of their applications. As previously advised any objections would require a Council hearing.
- 31. This option presumes that current traffic management provisions provide adequate comfort for retailers.

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| <p>Advantages: Does not prevent other events taking place in the central business district.</p> <p>Letter drop will result in more business owners being aware of upcoming events than on previous occasions.</p> | <p>Disadvantages: Creates an annual workload for retailers, council staff and event organisers.</p> <p>Creates uncertainty for the event organisers as a final decision on the closure from Council may only take place two weeks before the event.</p> |
| <p>Risks: Status quo may not be seen to address the issues raised by the concerned parties.</p> | |

Potential option two – Escalation to Council for all Central Business District Events that would require a road closure

- 32. All applications for road closures in the CBD would be referred to Council for a decision. Officers would prepare a paper that considers the impacts on traffic disruption and impacts on the businesses operating in the CBD with a recommendation as to whether to approve or decline the road closure.
- 33. This process would need to occur every time an event is considered. Recent history has been that this occurs only once a year, specifically for the Market Day event. This path would raise an additional level of complexity, for example if an objection to the road closure occurred after Council approved the event.

34. There is another protocol already in place for motorsport events closing public roads. As a requirement of the Land Transport Act 1998, Councillors are required to sign off all events. However; extending this to CBD closures would add additional administration to the current process, particularly if no objections were received.

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| <p>Advantages: Council retains control of the events taking place in the CBD.</p> <p>More certainty for local businesses and event organisers.</p> | <p>Disadvantages: Each decision would require a report from Officers.</p> <p>Increased cost of doing business for event organisers and local businesses.</p> |
| <p>Risks: May not solve the problem that local businesses are articulating, rather deferring the issue to a later date.</p> <p>If more events come forward in the future with road closure requests in the CBD this could become onerous.</p> | |

Potential option three – No events in the Central Business District

35. This option would be a clear-cut determination that no events can take place in the CBD effecting current events and future events.

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| <p>Advantages: Clear cut decision that is simple to understand and implement.</p> <p>Provides certainty for CBD based businesses and event organisers</p> | <p>Disadvantages: Applies to all events – commercial and community.</p> <p>There may be unintended consequences, for example a sports team winning a national competition may wish to hold a celebratory event which would no longer be possible in the CBD.</p> <p>45 years of tradition of running Market Day / Boulevard Day will be lost.</p> |
| <p>Risks: Reputational risk from preventing public events on East Street.</p> <p>Reputational risk if the resolution does not represent the views of the wider community.</p> | |

Potential option four – Additional controls on events on East Street

- 36. This option would change the current controls to potentially limit events to being community events only or impose other restrictions such as controls over hours or days of the week that events could operate.
- 37. Examples of this could include:
 - a. Time restrictions could be applied to events, for example no events to take place during trading hours or events only being permitted after 4pm.
 - b. No commercial events during trading hours.
- 38. Additionally, commercial events could be required to demonstrate that their event would not have an impact on businesses trading in the CBD.
- 39. To bring this into effect, a change to policy, guidelines or amendment to an existing bylaw would potentially be required to ensure that there is clarity on Council requirements. This would require unplanned staff resource to achieve.
- 40. If Council were to see a need for any further regulation of this process, then a policy is considered to be the most appropriate tool. A bylaw is less flexible and requires consultation to amend. A policy can be changed by Council resolution.
- 41. A guideline may be an interim step towards the development of a policy.
- 42. As previously noted, it may be difficult to characterise events as purely commercial or community. Officers foresee difficulty in creation of robust and clear policy and in its execution.

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| <p>Advantages: This option would still allow some events to take place in the CBD but would create a higher bar for commercial events that potentially compete with local businesses.</p> | <p>Disadvantages: Likely to be more bureaucracy in permitting or declining events.</p> |
| <p>Risks: A Council Events Policy or Council adopted Guidelines would be needed to ensure clear criteria for assessing the suitability of events in the CBD. This may have wider implications for other areas in the District, for example Methven High Street.</p> | |

Legal/policy implications

43. The following legislation and Council Bylaws are relevant to this report

44. Public Places Bylaw:

The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

- ensure Public Places are used in a manner that will not cause obstruction;
- protect the public from nuisance, and
- protect, promote and maintain public health and safety

[Public Places Bylaw](#)

45. Trading in Public Places Bylaw

The Trading in Public Places Bylaw covers trading in public places in order to protect the public from nuisance and to protect, promote and maintain public health and safety. Anyone selling goods, for example, at Market Day, must get the necessary authorisation to do so under this Bylaw.

[Trading in Public Places Bylaw](#)

46. If Council wished to utilise an existing Bylaw to impose controls in the CBD, this could occur through either the Public Places Bylaw or the Trading in Public Places.

47. A road closure request must follow the process in Schedule 10, clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974

Schedule 10

11. The council may, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit (including the imposition of a reasonable bond), and after consultation with the Police and the New Zealand Transport Agency, close any road or part of a road to all traffic or any specified type of traffic (including pedestrian traffic)—

...(e) for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 31 days in any year for any exhibition, fair, show, market, concert, film-making, race or other sporting event, or public function:

provided that no road may be closed for any purpose specified in paragraph (e) if that closure would, in the opinion of the council, be likely to impede traffic unreasonably.

Climate change

48. The recommendations and decisions made by Council will not have any effect on climate change outcomes.

Strategic alignment

49. The recommendation relates to Council's community outcome of a prosperous economy built on innovation, opportunity and high quality infrastructure and a district of great spaces and places because the Market Day and other events add to the vibrancy of our district; however Council is committed to being business friendly and supporting businesses to be economically sustainable is also key to the district's success.

| Wellbeing | | Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing |
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| Economic | ✓ | When a commercial event is held year on year, it can be assumed it is profitable to do so for the event owner and stallholders. However, some retailers have commented that events have a detrimental impact on their businesses which can take a long period to recover from. However, there is also potential benefit arising from increased activity in the town centre and for those participating in events. |
| Environmental | × | |
| Cultural | × | |
| Social | ✓ | Residents and visitors are positive about the events on East Street. |

Financial implications

| Requirement | Explanation |
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| What is the cost? | There are no costs associated with this report as it is for information only |
| Is there budget available in LTP / AP? | N/A |
| Where is the funding coming from? | N/A |
| Are there any future budget implications? | No |
| Reviewed by Finance | <i>Tania Paddock; Acting Group Manager Business Support</i> |

50. This decision relates to the use of Council space and does not require any budget from Council to administer the decisions made. The existing event support that the Council provides to community event organisers is covered within the Economic Development budget and will not be impacted by this decision.

Significance and engagement assessment

51. This matter is considered low significance overall. Elements in the significance criteria are high and Council may wish to consider the impact on the community and their views around events in the CBD.
52. The Central Business District retailers making the deputation clearly feel impacted by the current events in the CBD, however there are more retailers and businesses operating in the area who may have other views. The Market Day event organiser discussed options with staff; however other event organisers were not spoken to, and wider public perception has not been sought.

| Requirement | Explanation |
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| Is the matter considered significant? | No |
| Level of significance | Low |
| Rationale for selecting level of significance | N/A |
| Level of engagement selected | Inform |
| Rationale for selecting level of engagement | The recommendation is that Council receives this report. If Council requested work based on one of the other options, this may trigger the need for wider engagement. |
| Reviewed by Strategy & Policy | Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager |

Appendix one – Aerial view of impacted area



8. *Economic Development Strategy – 6 Monthly Report*

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GM Responsible *Ian Hyde; GM Compliance & Development*

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the progress to achieving the action items laid out in the Economic Development Strategy 2023-33.

Recommendation

1. **That** Council receives the Economic Development Strategy six monthly progress report.

Background

Economic Development Strategy 2023-33

1. The Economic Development Strategy 2023-33 was adopted in December 2023 and sets out the strategic direction for Economic Development over the next ten years. The strategy sets out three goals for development:
 - a. Living, working and learning here
 - b. Doing business here
 - c. Visiting and playing here

Underpinning these goals are a series of actions and this six-monthly report shows the progress on the action items listed under the strategy.

Progress Against the Action Items

2. Goal 1: Living, Working and Learning here

Objective 1.1 – Local training solutions

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status summary ⓘ | Summary timeline ⓘ | Summary due date ⓘ | Time Allocated ⓘ | Owner ⓘ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A1 Strategic Partnerships | + | Done | ! 1 Jan - 30 Jun | 30 Jun | 40 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A2 Strawman Learning Hub | + | Working on it | 1 Jul - 31 Dec | 31 Dec | 160 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A3 Feasibility Study | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - Dec 31, '25 | 31 Dec, 2025 | 80 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A4 Business Case | + | Future steps | Oct 1, '25 - Dec 31, '25 | 31 Dec, 2025 | 80 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A5 Implement Business Plan | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '26 - Dec 31, '27 | 31 Dec, 2027 | 160 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A6 Learning Hub Construction | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '30 - Dec 31, '32 | 31 Dec, 2032 | 160 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A7 Innovation Centre Business Case | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '30 - Jun 30, '30 | 30 Jun, 2030 | 80 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.A8 Implement Innovation Centre Business Case | + | Future steps | | 30 Jun, 2031 | 80 hours | SW |

2.1 - Action 1.A1 Finalise Strategic Partnerships with Education Providers

Currently working with Ara, Canterbury University, Lincoln University, Business Canterbury, Ministry of Social Development, Tertiary Education Commission, Ashburton Learning Centre, Keep Learning Mid Canterbury, and the YMCA. These partners currently make up the working group for developing a strawman model for Action 1.A2.

The working group will be expanded to include all schools in the district and a broader representation of businesses. The next meeting of the working group scheduled for January 2025 will focus on ideas for tighter collaboration and the shaping of the scope for the feasibility study. This action will be delayed in its delivery from 31 December 2024 to 31 March 2025. From the ideation session in January a scope of works for the concept and feasibility will be developed.

2.2 Action 1.A2 Learning Hub Strawman Concept Document – on track to be delivered by 31 December 2025

A working document outlining the outputs from the Working Group early-stage Strawman Concept was presented to Council in September 2024.

A working group TOR has been developed and working group meetings have been established. This group will now be developed further to include all schools in the district and an increased business representation.

To support the work of the group a survey will be released that will seek to understand the skills needs of businesses in the district as well as a separate survey looking at the skills aspirations of individuals in our community.

Objective 1.2 – Annual calendar of events

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status summ... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B1 District Wide Events Plan | + | Working on it | Jun 30, '24 - ... | 31 Mar, 2025 | 40 hours | SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B2 Identify New Events | + | Done | ✓ Dec 31, '2... | 31 Dec | 40 hours | SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B3 Iconic Event Per Quarter | + | Working on it | Jun 30, '24 - ... | 31 Mar, 2025 | 40 hours | SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B4 Full Programme of Events ... | + | Working on it | Jun 30, '24 - ... | 31 Mar, 2025 | 40 hours | SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B5 Develop resources for Eve... | + | Working on it | Dec 31, '25 - A... | 31 Dec, 2025 | 160 hours | SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B6 Develop Promotional Medi... | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2026 | 200 hours | SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.B7 Engage New Events | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '27 - De... | 30 Jun, 2032 | 600 hours | SC |

2.3 Action 1.B1

Officers are working on a scope to develop an Event Plan for Mid Canterbury. Other regions have developed this type of overarching document which includes event capability, event funding, events to be targeted and promotion, and event infrastructure needed to undertake the plan.

2.4 Action 1.B2

See Action 1.B3

2.5 Action 1.B3

The Glow in the Park event moved from Tinwald Domain to the Ashburton Domain to allow the event to grow safely, this year attracting over 40,000 visitors across the three nights and more than doubling the number of visitors from the previous year. The Hakatere Noodle Festival was moved from the West Street car park to Baring Square East, allowing for an increasing visitor number and minimising risks of running an event next to the state highway.

Officers have undertaken to complete four quarterly events in the 2024/25 fiscal year as follows:

Q1 – Night Food Festival – the implementation of an annual food festival that takes place in September each year and showcases foods from around the district.

Q2 – Christmas Event Series – lighting up the Christmas tree and Christmas movies.

Q3 – Jazz in the Park - An afternoon of jazz and food in the backdrop of the beautiful Ashburton Domain.

Q4 – Glow in the Park – building on Glow in the Park 2024, aiming for increased numbers of visitors and a bigger light show.

In addition, Officers have committed to work to support the Multicultural Bite event and will also explore with the New Life Church options for Christmas in the Park in 2025.

2.6 Action 1.B4

Work is underway on an electronic events system that through a website will enable event organisers to lodge their events electronically, this will improve the communications between the event organisers and Council staff and reduce the effort needed to lodge an event application. This work is scheduled for completion in quarter 3 of this financial year.

Improvements have been made to the Experience Mid Canterbury website, users can now apply filters to search for different event types and date ranges. The next stage is to establish a site to publicly display a calendar of local events and promote these in Council briefs and social media.

▼ Objective 1.3 – Recognise and accommodate diverse needs

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status summ... ⓘ | Summary Ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.C1 Accreditation | + | Working on it | Dec 31, '24 - ... | 31 Dec | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.C2 Plan for Welcoming Communities | + | Working on it | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2032 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.C3 Integrate Welcoming Communities into Workforce Initiatives | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2026 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 1.C4 Review Effectiveness of Welcoming Communities | + | Future steps | Oct 1, '29 - De... | 31 Dec, 2029 | | |

2.7 Action 1.C1 – Welcoming Communities Accreditation

Officers lodged the latest Welcoming Communities Accreditation in November 2024 to become a level 3 advanced welcoming community. The outcome of this application will be known by the end of the calendar year.

2.8 Action 1.C2 – Welcoming Communities Plan

Officers will be bringing the updated Welcoming Communities Plan to Council for adoption in December 2024.

2.9 Action 1.C3 – Welcoming Communities and Workforce Initiatives

The updated Welcoming Plan has actions related to continuing to link in with employers and Business Canterbury to support newcomers and the recipient community.

2.10 Action 1.C4 – Review Effectiveness of Welcoming Communities

Through the development of the Welcoming Communities accreditation officers have been able to demonstrate that the programme has been effective. Immigration New Zealand have commissioned interim research into the programme which is finding the programme nationally to also be effective. Details can be found [here](#).

3 Goal 2: Doing Business here

Objective 2.1 – Business owners and employees are skilled, adaptable and capable

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | Status summ... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ | People ⓘ | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.A1 Develop partnerships with industry organisations and government agencies | ⊕ | Future steps | 30 Jun - 10 Oct | 30 Jun | 40 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.A2 Develop a structured approach to identifying and acting on opportunities | ⊕ | Future steps | 1 Jul - 31 Dec | 31 Dec | 40 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.A3 Deliver business support | ⊕ | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2027 | 200 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.A4 Attract and retain skilled people | ⊕ | Future steps | Apr 12, '24 - D... | 31 Dec, 2027 | 80 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.A5 Development pathway for employees to access skills development opportunities | ⊕ | Future steps | Jan 1, '26 - De... | 31 Dec, 2032 | 200 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.A6 Support young people access employment | ⊕ | Working on it | Jun 30, '25 - ... | 30 Jun, 2025 | 2,800 hours | SW | |

3.1 Action 2.A1

Work continues on building close working relationships with industry organisations and government departments including:

- Business Canterbury
- New Zealand Trade and Enterprise
- Ministry of Social Development
- Tertiary Education Providers – Ara / University of Canterbury / Lincoln University
- ChristchurchNZ
- Other Councils through the Mayoral Economic Development Forum

3.2 Action 2.A6

The first full year of the Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs programme had a contractual target of 38 people placed into employment. The first-year funding for this programme was \$325,000. The programme delivered 63 placements in the year ending 30 June 2024.

The second-year funding dropped to \$260,000 with a target of 30 people into employment. At the time of writing there were 30 placements made.

Objective 2.2 - Businesses have access to the expertise, knowledge, and skills

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status summ... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ |
|--------------------------|---|---|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.2a Establish Business Leadership group | + | Done | ! 28 Jun - 29... | 28 Jun | 30 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.2b. Analysis of emerging risks and opportunities | + | Working on it | May 3, '24 - J... | 30 Jun, 2025 | 80 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.2c. Plan for address risks and utilising opportunities | + | Future steps | May 3, '24 - J... | 30 Jun, 2027 | 80 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.2d. Centre of Expertise – a virtual network | + | Future steps | May 3, '24 - J... | 30 Jun, 2027 | 200 hours | SW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.2e. Support the distribution of expert knowledge | + | Future steps | May 3, '24 - J... | 30 Jun, 2032 | | SW |

3.3 Action 2.2A

The group has been established and the first meeting is scheduled to take place on 6 December 2024. The meeting dates for the Business Leadership Group will be aligned with the six monthly reporting to Council so new information can be incorporated into this report and shared with the group. The group’s first priority will be to commence Action 2.2b and begin an analysis of the emerging risks and opportunities to our economy.

Objective 2.3 – SMEs are well supported locally

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | Status summ... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ | People ⓘ | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.C1 Gap Analysis of Industry Capability | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '24 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2025 | 40 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.C2 Partner with Business Canterbury and IOD to increase local training | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '24 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2026 | 40 hours | SW | |

3.4 These Action Items are planned for future years.

Action 2.D1 will be scoped and delivered in the second half of this fiscal year.

Objective 2.4 – New businesses to the district are supported

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | Status summ... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ | People ⓘ | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.D1 Lowering barriers to businesses setting up in Ashburton District | + | Working on it | 28 Jun - 29 O... | 30 Jun | 40 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 2.D2 Streamline pathways for investors | + | Future steps | Dec 31, '24 - ... | 31 Dec | 40 hours | SW | |

3.5 Action 2.D1

Update similar to June update with work continuing across the Council with larger scale complex developments. This activity is ongoing and will be reviewed after each development passes through the system to identify lessons learned.

A multi team approach is undertaken for new businesses establishing themselves in Ashburton District. New developments are offered a meeting with managers from Assets, Planning, Building, Property, Economic Development and Roading. Following an exploratory meeting these teams then work with the developer to ensure complications can be quickly resolved and the potential for success of the development being realised in the Ashburton District is maximised.

Officers also hold a monthly Strategic Liaison meeting that brings together the outward focussed Council teams, this meeting focuses on the large scale developments taking place in the District, ensuring that all teams are up to date with clarity across the organisation.

4 Goal 3: Visiting and Playing here

▼ Ashburton CBD is a must-visit destination

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status Sum... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ | People ⓘ |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.A1 Feasibility to increase the foot traffic in the CBD | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '24 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2026 | 80 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.A2 Business case for CBD improvements | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '26 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2027 | 80 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.A3 Implement business case | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '27 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2029 | 160 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.A4 Secure businesses and confirm commitment | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '27 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2029 | 200 hours | SW | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.A5 CBD Retail design and construction | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '28 - Jun... | 30 Jun, 2031 | 200 hours | SW | |

4.1 These Action Items are planned for future years

▼ Develop the 'Ashburton District story'.

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status Sum... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ | People ⓘ |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.B1 Research what we are known for | + | At risk | Dec 31, '24 - ... | 31 Dec | 80 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.B2 Develop regional narrative | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2026 | 160 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.B3 Integrate the Ashburton Story across the district | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '27 - De... | 31 Dec, 2029 | 200 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.B4 Further development of the Ashburton Story | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '29 - De... | 31 Dec, 2032 | 200 hours | SD | |

4.2 Action 3.B1

As per June report this action cannot occur due a lack of budget.

Actions 3.B2 / 3.B3 / 3.B4 will be subject to the research being completed and timeframes could stretch based on any delays.

▼ Promote our special character places

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Item | | Status Sum... ⓘ | Summary ti... ⓘ | Summary du... ⓘ | Time Allocat... ⓘ | Owner ⓘ | People ⓘ |
|--------------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C1 Develop a Destination Management Plan | + | Done | ! Jan 1, '23 - ... | 8 Dec, 2023 | 80 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C2 Implement the Destination Management Plan | + | Working on it | Jul 1, '24 - De... | 31 Dec, 2032 | 200 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C3 Formalise the Highway 72 Collab Group | + | Working on it | 30 Jun - 10 Oct | 30 Jun | 40 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C4 Promote Inland Scenic | + | Future steps | Jul 1, '24 - De... | 31 Dec, 2025 | 40 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C5 Engage with Methven visitor providers | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2027 | 80 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C6 Promote Methven | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '26 - De... | 31 Dec, 2032 | 200 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C7 Investigate strategies to increase Ashburton town bed nights | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '25 - De... | 31 Dec, 2025 | 80 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C8 Implement strategies to increase bed nights in Ashburton town | + | Future steps | Jan 1, '27 - De... | 31 Dec, 2032 | 200 hours | SD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Action 3.C9 Develop and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders | + | Working on it | Dec 31, '32 - A... | 31 Dec, 2032 | 200 hours | SD | |

4.3 Action 3.C1

This action was completed, the Destination Management Plan was endorsed by Council in December 2023.

4.4 Action 3.C2

There has been no further action on the implementation of the Destination Management Plan in this reporting period.

4.5 Action 3.C3

There has been no further work undertaken on the implementation of the Highway 72 working group in this reporting period.

5 Additional Action Items

The Economic Development Strategy, and more specifically the Action Plan, was designed to be a living document. As such it was anticipated that other projects would from time to time emerge as important.

5.1 Mid Canterbury Interactive Trades Expo

The Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Project Officer ran a successful Trades Expo in August 2024 that saw 200 attendees and showcased the career opportunities available in the Ashburton District.

5.2 Braided Rivers Cycle Trail

An RFQ is being developed with the intention of release to four consultants by the end November to undertake primary concept and feasibility work that will assess the viability of a four day circular cycle trail that winds its way from Rakaia to Methven, along the foothills to Mt Somers, back through the Plains to Ashburton and then the final day along the seafront to Rakaia.

The work for concept development has been funded in the Long-Term Plan. It is expected that a report will be provided to Council in the final quarter of this fiscal year outlining next steps with an indication of the high level costs.

Legal/policy implications

Climate Change Outcomes

- 6 Climate change outcomes are reflected throughout the strategy. Specific climate change initiatives include the 30/30 initiative and Action 2.A1 in our work with Government Agencies and Partner Organisations.

Strategic alignment

- 7 This report directly relates to the Economic Development Strategy 2023-33 and its Action Plan.
- 8 The recommendation to receive the information relates to all four of the Council's community outcomes of Economic, Environmental, Cultural and Social.

| Wellbeing | | Reasons why the recommended outcome has an effect on this wellbeing |
|---------------|---|---|
| Economic | ✓ | The actions in the strategy address the economy and economic wellbeing. |
| Environmental | ✓ | There are key links to environmental and climate change outcomes for the Ashburton District in the Economic Development Strategy. |
| Cultural | ✓ | The Strategy addresses our diverse population within the three strategic goals. |
| Social | ✓ | A number of initiatives in the strategy address improving social outcomes in Mid Canterbury. |

Financial implications

| Requirement | Explanation |
|---|---|
| What is the cost? | Nil |
| Is there budget available in LTP / AP? | N/A |
| Where is the funding coming from? | Resource comes from existing budgets unless specified in the report |
| Are there any future budget implications? | N/A |
| Reviewed by Finance | Tania Paddock; Acting Group Manager Business Support |

Significance and engagement assessment

| Requirement | Explanation |
|---|---|
| Is the matter considered significant? | No |
| Level of significance | Low |
| Rationale for selecting level of significance | This report is to provide information only. As no decision is being made, there is no impact from receiving this report. |
| Level of engagement selected | Inform |
| Rationale for selecting level of engagement | The Strategy was widely consulted on and this report is information only, providing an update on progress. It does not seek more resourcing, however it does show where there may be constraints on the current funding levels. |
| Reviewed by Strategy & Policy | Mark Low; Strategy and Policy Manager |

Next steps

9 Next report will be due in June 2025.

Council

4 December 2024



9. *Financial Report*

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Attachments

Financial variance report – 31 October 2024

Recommendation

That Council receives the October 2024 financial variance report.

***Ashburton District Council
Financial Variance Report
For the period ending
31 October 2024***

Variances greater than \$100,000 are highlighted in **red bold**. If the variance is permanent an explanation is provided.

F (favourable variance) means that either actual revenue is greater than budget or actual expenditure is less than budget.

U (unfavourable variance) is **when** actual revenue is less than budget or actual expenditure is greater than budget.

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Income and Expenditure – Overview

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| <p>\$29.08 M</p> <p>Actual YTD Operating Income</p> | <p>\$97.17 M</p> <p>Budget Full Year Operating Income</p> | <p>(\$68.09) M</p> <p>Variance Operating Income</p> | <p>30%</p> <p>% of Budget Operating Income</p> |
| <p>\$26.43 M</p> <p>Actual YTD Operating Expenditure</p> | <p>\$88.21 M</p> <p>Budget Full Year Operating Expenditure</p> | <p>(\$61.78) M</p> <p>Variance Operating Expenditure</p> | <p>30%</p> <p>% of Budget Operating Expenditure</p> |
| <p>\$1.57 M</p> <p>Actual YTD Capital Income</p> | <p>\$28.72 M</p> <p>Budget Full Year Capital Income</p> | <p>(\$27.14) M</p> <p>Variance Capital Income</p> | <p>5%</p> <p>% of Budget Capital Income</p> |
| <p>\$6.37 M</p> <p>Actual YTD Capital Expenditure</p> | <p>\$50.80 M</p> <p>Budget Full Year Capital Expenditure</p> | <p>(\$44.43) M</p> <p>Variance Capital Expenditure</p> | <p>13%</p> <p>% of Budget Capital Expenditure</p> |
| <p>\$0.00 M</p> <p>Actual YTD Loans Repaid</p> | <p>\$10.42 M</p> <p>Budget Full Year Loans Repaid</p> | <p>(\$10.42) M</p> <p>Variance Loans Repaid</p> | <p>0%</p> <p>% of Budget Loans Repaid</p> |

This report is for the first 4 months or 33% of the year.

Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end.

Income and Expenditure – Summary

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Full Year Budget | Variance | Percentage of Budget |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| Rates | 17,830,717 | 52,448,857 | (34,618,140) | 34% |
| Fees and Charges | 4,344,014 | 12,033,675 | (7,689,661) | 36% |
| Subsidies and Grants | 3,722,512 | 12,841,317 | (9,118,805) | 29% |
| Finance Income | 244,349 | 450,000 | (205,651) | 54% |
| Other Revenue | 2,142,936 | 6,805,006 | (4,662,071) | 31% |
| Other Sales | 284,412 | 1,502,276 | (1,217,864) | 19% |
| Development / Financial Contributions | 508,764 | 900,000 | (391,236) | 57% |
| Gain on Sale of Assets | 0 | 3,884,000 | (3,884,000) | 0% |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 6,305,000 | (6,305,000) | 0% |
| Total Revenue | 29,077,703 | 97,170,131 | (68,092,428) | 30% |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | |
| Payments to Staff and Suppliers | 17,590,051 | 62,167,341 | (44,577,289) | 28% |
| Finance Costs | 2,305,960 | 6,610,187 | (4,304,227) | 35% |
| Other Expenses | 106,544 | 145,700 | (39,156) | 73% |
| Depreciation | 6,428,646 | 19,285,939 | (12,857,293) | 33% |
| Total Expenditure | 26,431,202 | 88,209,166 | (61,777,965) | 30% |
| Net operating surplus (deficit) | 2,646,501 | 8,960,964 | (6,314,463) | 30% |
| Capital Income | | | | |
| Loans Raised | 0 | 26,615,809 | (26,615,809) | 0% |
| Land Sales | 1,348,700 | 0 | 1,348,700 | 0% |
| Other Asset Sales & Disposals | 225,359 | 2,100,000 | (1,874,641) | 11% |
| Total Capital Income | 1,574,059 | 28,715,809 | (27,141,750) | 5% |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | |
| Infrastructural Assets | 1,994,288 | 19,247,400 | (17,253,112) | 10% |
| Cyclic Renewals | 2,917,264 | 19,287,797 | (16,370,533) | 15% |
| Plant | 55,384 | 421,161 | (365,777) | 13% |
| Additions/Alterations | 850,980 | 3,038,999 | (2,188,019) | 28% |
| Other Assets | 541,953 | 8,805,335 | (8,263,382) | 6% |
| Total capital expenditure | 6,371,957 | 50,800,692 | (44,428,735) | 13% |
| Loan Repayments | 0 | 10,421,283 | (10,421,283) | 0% |
| Total capital to be funded | 4,797,898 | 32,506,166 | (27,708,268) | 15% |

Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end.

Transportation – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|---|---------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Footpaths | 512,482 | 1,570,605 | (1,058,123) | 33% | No |
| Roading | 6,590,169 | 21,591,662 | (15,001,493) | 31% | No |
| | 7,102,651 | 23,162,267 | (16,059,616) | 31% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Footpaths | 481,322 | 1,465,525 | (984,203) | 33% | No |
| Roading | 5,384,012 | 18,971,267 | (13,587,255) | 28% | No |
| | 5,865,334 | 20,436,792 | (14,571,458) | 29% | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Roading | 0 | 2,600,000 | (2,600,000) | 0% | No |
| | 0 | 2,600,000 | (2,600,000) | 0% | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Footpaths | 101,266 | 683,000 | (581,734) | 15% | No |
| Roading | 2,178,035 | 11,955,739 | (9,777,704) | 18% | No |
| | 2,279,302 | 12,638,739 | (10,359,437) | 18% | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Footpaths | 0 | 26,281 | (26,281) | 0% | |
| Roading | 0 | 544,971 | (544,971) | 0% | No |
| | 0 | 571,252 | (571,252) | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 2,150,000 | (2,150,000) | 0% | |

*The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end*

Drinking Water – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Group Water Supplies | 2,883,425 | 8,157,292 | (5,273,867) | 35% | No |
| Montalto Water Supply | 136,933 | 399,800 | (262,867) | 34% | No |
| Lyndhurst Water Supply | 9,089 | 18,457 | (9,368) | 49% | |
| Barhill Water Supply | 1,350 | 3,945 | (2,595) | 34% | |
| | <u>3,030,797</u> | <u>8,579,494</u> | <u>(5,548,697)</u> | <u>35%</u> | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Group Water Supplies | 2,704,238 | 7,683,147 | (4,978,909) | 35% | No |
| Montalto Water Supply | 116,208 | 403,728 | (287,520) | 29% | No |
| Lyndhurst Water Supply | 2,280 | 5,409 | (3,129) | 42% | |
| Barhill Water Supply | 660 | 1,566 | (906) | 42% | |
| | <u>2,823,385</u> | <u>8,093,850</u> | <u>(5,270,465)</u> | <u>35%</u> | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Group Water Supplies | 0 | 10,753,871 | (10,753,871) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>10,753,871</u> | <u>(10,753,871)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Group Water Supplies | 1,249,533 | 12,100,696 | (10,851,162) | 10% | No |
| Montalto Water Supply | 3,086 | 15,000 | (11,915) | 21% | |
| | <u>1,252,619</u> | <u>12,115,696</u> | <u>(10,863,077)</u> | <u>10%</u> | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Group Water Supplies | 0 | 1,876,785 | (1,876,785) | 0% | No |
| Montalto Water Supply | 0 | 18,192 | (18,192) | 0% | |
| Lyndhurst Water Supply | 0 | 13,048 | (13,048) | 0% | |
| Barhill Water Supply | 0 | 2,379 | (2,379) | 0% | |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>1,910,404</u> | <u>(1,910,404)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 125,156 | 177,015 | (51,859) | 71% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 660,000 | (660,000) | 0% | |

*The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end*

Wastewater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|--|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Ashburton Wastewater | 1,996,816 | 6,001,392 | (4,004,575) | 33% | No |
| Methven Wastewater | 252,928 | 540,205 | (287,277) | 47% | Yes |
| Rakaia Wastewater | 117,816 | 561,416 | (443,600) | 21% | No |
| | 2,367,560 | 7,103,013 | (4,735,453) | 33% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Ashburton Wastewater | 2,027,624 | 5,502,186 | (3,474,561) | 37% | No |
| Methven Wastewater | 151,472 | 538,517 | (387,045) | 28% | No |
| Rakaia Wastewater | 124,118 | 564,074 | (439,956) | 22% | No |
| | 2,303,215 | 6,604,776 | (4,301,561) | 35% | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Ashburton Wastewater | 0 | 5,618,171 | (5,618,171) | 0% | No |
| | 0 | 5,618,171 | (5,618,171) | 0% | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Ashburton Wastewater | 370,442 | 7,363,725 | (6,993,283) | 5% | Yes |
| Methven Wastewater | 6,823 | 134,037 | (127,214) | 5% | No |
| Rakaia Wastewater | 841,120 | 0 | 841,120 | 0% | Yes |
| | 1,218,384 | 7,497,762 | (6,279,378) | 16% | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Ashburton Wastewater | 0 | 1,087,337 | (1,087,337) | 0% | No |
| Methven Wastewater | 0 | 16,277 | (16,277) | 0% | |
| Rakaia Wastewater | 0 | 13,711 | (13,711) | 0% | |
| | 0 | 1,117,325 | (1,117,325) | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Capital Services Contribution | 98,191 | 462,856 | (364,665) | 21% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 2,630,000 | (2,630,000) | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end</i> | | | | | |

Wastewater – Operating Income

Methven Wastewater

\$287,277F

Reason for variance

The Methven operating income is trending ahead of YTD forecast. This is driven partly by Targeted Rates recovery being ahead of forecast (likely due to timing), and Capital Services Contribution being ~\$7,500 above the full year forecast.

Wastewater – Capital Expenditure

Ashburton Wastewater

\$6,993,283F

Reason for variance

There will be a forecast favourable variance in this cost centre of at \$3.0M. This is the budget that was allocated to the Rakaia Sludge Beds project. A portion of this favourable variance will fully offset the unfavourable variance in the Rakaia capital area as noted below.

Rakaia Wastewater

\$841,120U

Reason for variance

The expenditure relates to the Rakaia Sludge Beds project. The budget for this project is sitting in the Ashburton wastewater capital area so any expenditure in the Rakaia cost centre will be fully offset by the available budget in the Ashburton cost centre.

Stormwater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Ashburton Stormwater | 458,491 | 1,314,555 | (856,064) | 35% | No |
| Methven Stormwater | 35,804 | 102,934 | (67,130) | 35% | |
| Rakaia Stormwater | 9,380 | 26,451 | (17,071) | 35% | |
| Hinds Stormwater | 2,555 | 6,926 | (4,371) | 37% | |
| Rural Stormwater | 17,913 | 51,345 | (33,432) | 35% | |
| | 524,143 | 1,502,211 | (978,068) | 35% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Ashburton Stormwater | 402,684 | 1,334,123 | (931,439) | 30% | No |
| Methven Stormwater | 27,741 | 104,268 | (76,527) | 27% | |
| Rakaia Stormwater | 8,427 | 27,325 | (18,897) | 31% | |
| Hinds Stormwater | 2,261 | 6,929 | (4,669) | 33% | |
| Rural Stormwater | 388 | 51,345 | (50,957) | 1% | |
| | 441,501 | 1,523,990 | (1,082,489) | 29% | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Ashburton Stormwater | 0 | 173,989 | (173,989) | 0% | No |
| Methven Stormwater | 0 | 7,539 | (7,539) | 0% | |
| | 0 | 181,528 | (181,528) | 0% | |

The above financials include the following:

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include the following:

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|---------------|---|---------|-----------|----|
| Vested Assets | 0 | 865,000 | (865,000) | 0% |
|---------------|---|---------|-----------|----|

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end

Stockwater – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Stockwater | 514,230 | 1,462,895 | (948,665) | 35% | No |
| | 514,230 | 1,462,895 | (948,665) | 35% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Stockwater | 254,896 | 1,462,895 | (1,207,999) | 17% | No |
| | 254,896 | 1,462,895 | (1,207,999) | 17% | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Stockwater | 0 | 23,360 | (23,360) | 0% | |
| | 0 | 23,360 | (23,360) | 0% | |

The above financials include the following:

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| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include the following:

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|---|---|---|----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end

Waste Reduction & Recycling – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|--|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Refuse Collection | 1,013,508 | 2,778,247 | (1,764,738) | 36% | No |
| Refuse Management | 1,749,639 | 5,466,138 | (3,716,499) | 32% | No |
| | <u>2,763,147</u> | <u>8,244,385</u> | <u>(5,481,238)</u> | <u>34%</u> | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Refuse Collection | 787,168 | 2,773,785 | (1,986,616) | 28% | No |
| Refuse Management | 1,673,996 | 5,442,803 | (3,768,807) | 31% | No |
| | <u>2,461,164</u> | <u>8,216,587</u> | <u>(5,755,423)</u> | <u>30%</u> | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Refuse Management | 0 | 366,183 | (366,183) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>366,183</u> | <u>(366,183)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Refuse Management | 191,820 | 749,000 | (557,180) | 26% | No |
| | <u>191,820</u> | <u>749,000</u> | <u>(557,180)</u> | <u>26%</u> | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Refuse Collection | 0 | 4,462 | (4,462) | 0% | |
| Refuse Management | 0 | 44,564 | (44,564) | 0% | |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>49,026</u> | <u>(49,026)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end</i> | | | | | |

Recreation Facilities – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery | 947,366 | 2,729,736 | (1,782,370) | 35% | No |
| Library | 813,751 | 2,361,687 | (1,547,936) | 34% | No |
| Recreation Facilities and Services | 2,239,064 | 6,536,913 | (4,297,849) | 34% | No |
| | 4,000,181 | 11,628,337 | (7,628,156) | 34% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery | 808,935 | 2,705,309 | (1,896,374) | 30% | No |
| Library | 701,650 | 2,292,693 | (1,591,043) | 31% | No |
| Recreation Facilities and Services | 2,006,523 | 6,526,091 | (4,519,568) | 31% | No |
| | 3,517,108 | 11,524,093 | (8,006,985) | 31% | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Recreation Facilities and Services | 0 | 427,020 | (427,020) | 0% | No |
| | 0 | 427,020 | (427,020) | 0% | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery | 8,338 | 102,000 | (93,662) | 8% | |
| Library | 89,685 | 171,300 | (81,615) | 52% | |
| Recreation Facilities and Services | 78,757 | 1,005,500 | (926,743) | 8% | No |
| | 176,779 | 1,278,800 | (1,102,021) | 14% | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Library | 0 | 14,969 | (14,969) | 0% | |
| Recreation Facilities and Services | 0 | 10,822 | (10,822) | 0% | |
| | 0 | 25,791 | (25,791) | 0% | |

The above financials include the following:

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include the following:

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|---------------|---|---|---|----|
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
|---------------|---|---|---|----|

The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end

Recreation & Community Services – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|--|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Public Conveniences | 257,138 | 736,597 | (479,459) | 35% | No |
| Elderly Persons Housing | 861,131 | 2,394,410 | (1,533,279) | 36% | No |
| Memorial Halls | 176,126 | 359,371 | (183,244) | 49% | No |
| Reserves and Camping Grounds | 405,168 | 1,027,321 | (622,154) | 39% | No |
| Reserve Boards | 276,160 | 794,030 | (517,869) | 35% | No |
| Community Safety | 26,292 | 76,599 | (50,307) | 34% | |
| | <u>2,002,015</u> | <u>5,388,328</u> | <u>(3,386,313)</u> | <u>37%</u> | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Public Conveniences | 143,542 | 522,287 | (378,745) | 27% | No |
| Elderly Persons Housing | 227,543 | 766,772 | (539,229) | 30% | No |
| Memorial Halls | 187,617 | 666,058 | (478,441) | 28% | No |
| Reserves and Camping Grounds | 321,391 | 1,026,121 | (704,730) | 31% | No |
| Reserve Boards | 233,164 | 774,795 | (541,631) | 30% | No |
| Community Safety | 18,870 | 76,599 | (57,729) | 25% | |
| | <u>1,132,128</u> | <u>3,832,631</u> | <u>(2,700,503)</u> | <u>30%</u> | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Elderly Persons Housing | 0 | 149,007 | (149,007) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>149,007</u> | <u>(149,007)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Public Conveniences | 28,300 | 470,000 | (441,700) | 6% | No |
| Elderly Persons Housing | 641,892 | 2,113,549 | (1,471,657) | 30% | No |
| Reserves and Camping Grounds | 39,914 | 0 | 39,914 | 0% | |
| Reserve Boards | 80,531 | 0 | 80,531 | 0% | |
| | <u>790,637</u> | <u>2,583,549</u> | <u>(1,792,912)</u> | <u>31%</u> | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Public Conveniences | 0 | 24,796 | (24,796) | 0% | |
| Elderly Persons Housing | 0 | 48,432 | (48,432) | 0% | |
| Reserves and Camping Grounds | 0 | 1,200 | (1,200) | 0% | |
| Reserve Boards | 0 | 37,211 | (37,211) | 0% | |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>111,639</u> | <u>(111,639)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 300 | 0 | 300 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end</i> | | | | | |

Economic Development – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Commercial Property | 1,340,416 | 7,656,558 | (6,316,142) | 18% | No |
| Business & Economic Development | 357,892 | 1,020,304 | (662,412) | 35% | No |
| District Promotion | 125,793 | 364,241 | (238,448) | 35% | No |
| Forestry | 1,960 | 454,220 | (452,260) | 0% | No |
| | <u>1,826,061</u> | <u>9,495,323</u> | <u>(7,669,262)</u> | <u>19%</u> | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Commercial Property | 2,289,426 | 7,993,971 | (5,704,546) | 29% | No |
| Business & Economic Development | 296,475 | 1,149,304 | (852,829) | 26% | No |
| District Promotion | 79,546 | 364,241 | (284,695) | 22% | No |
| Forestry | 77,590 | 415,406 | (337,816) | 19% | No |
| | <u>2,743,037</u> | <u>9,922,923</u> | <u>(7,179,885)</u> | <u>28%</u> | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Commercial Property | 1,348,700 | 7,937,250 | (6,588,550) | 17% | Yes |
| | <u>1,348,700</u> | <u>7,937,250</u> | <u>(6,588,550)</u> | <u>17%</u> | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Commercial Property | 140,972 | 6,022,250 | (5,881,278) | 2% | No |
| | <u>140,972</u> | <u>6,022,250</u> | <u>(5,881,278)</u> | <u>2%</u> | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Commercial Property | 0 | 5,967,749 | (5,967,749) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>5,967,749</u> | <u>(5,967,749)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |

The above financials include the following:

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include the following:

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|---------------|---|---|---|----|
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities

Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end

Economic Development – Capital Income

Commercial Property

\$6,588,550U

Reason for variance

\$1.349M variance due to unbudgeted freehold of two Glasgow Leases.

Parks & Open Spaces – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|---|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 249,469 | 789,611 | (540,143) | 32% | No |
| Parks and Recreation | 2,655,313 | 6,985,429 | (4,330,117) | 38% | No |
| | <u>2,904,781</u> | <u>7,775,041</u> | <u>(4,870,259)</u> | <u>37%</u> | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 208,218 | 665,057 | (456,839) | 31% | No |
| Parks and Recreation | 1,613,261 | 5,808,089 | (4,194,828) | 28% | No |
| | <u>1,821,480</u> | <u>6,473,147</u> | <u>(4,651,667)</u> | <u>28%</u> | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Parks and Recreation | 0 | 264,307 | (264,307) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>264,307</u> | <u>(264,307)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 0 | 117,500 | (117,500) | 0% | No |
| Parks and Recreation | 133,188 | 788,200 | (655,012) | 17% | No |
| | <u>133,188</u> | <u>905,700</u> | <u>(772,512)</u> | <u>15%</u> | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Cemeteries | 0 | 72,400 | (72,400) | 0% | |
| Parks and Recreation | 0 | 125,107 | (125,107) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>197,507</u> | <u>(197,507)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 300 | 0 | 300 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |

*The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end*

Community Governance & Decision Making – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|---|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Council | 1,348,436 | 3,912,116 | (2,563,680) | 34% | No |
| Methven Community Board | 43,996 | 119,737 | (75,741) | 37% | |
| Community Grants Funding | 791,331 | 2,033,799 | (1,242,468) | 39% | No |
| Water Zone Committee | 68,172 | 186,514 | (118,342) | 37% | No |
| | <u>2,251,934</u> | <u>6,252,166</u> | <u>(4,000,232)</u> | <u>36%</u> | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Council | 1,136,046 | 3,927,339 | (2,791,293) | 29% | No |
| Methven Community Board | 61,570 | 119,737 | (58,167) | 51% | |
| Youth Council | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000 | 0% | |
| Community Grants Funding | 727,239 | 1,796,712 | (1,069,473) | 40% | No |
| Water Zone Committee | 62,183 | 168,514 | (106,330) | 37% | No |
| | <u>2,002,038</u> | <u>6,012,302</u> | <u>(4,010,263)</u> | <u>33%</u> | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Community Grants Funding | 0 | 500,000 | (500,000) | 0% | No |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>500,000</u> | <u>(500,000)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Community Grants Funding | 0 | 99,000 | (99,000) | 0% | |
| Water Zone Committee | 0 | 18,000 | (18,000) | 0% | |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>117,000</u> | <u>(117,000)</u> | <u>0%</u> | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 349,248 | 754,984 | (405,737) | 46% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |

*The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end*

Compliance and Development – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Environmental Health | 79,057 | 273,322 | (194,265) | 29% | No |
| Building Regulation | 879,875 | 2,843,686 | (1,963,811) | 31% | No |
| Emergency Management | 84,915 | 248,633 | (163,718) | 34% | No |
| Liquor Licensing | 89,507 | 221,308 | (131,801) | 40% | No |
| Land Information Memorandum | 99,768 | 217,752 | (117,985) | 46% | No |
| Parking | 140,133 | 320,384 | (180,251) | 44% | No |
| Animal Control** | 447,314 | 591,852 | (144,538) | 76% | No |
| Resource Consents | 263,782 | 727,117 | (463,335) | 36% | No |
| Monitoring and Enforcement | 97,322 | 284,712 | (187,390) | 34% | No |
| Planning | 200,999 | 592,215 | (391,216) | 34% | No |
| | 2,382,672 | 6,320,982 | (3,938,310) | 38% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Environmental Health | 70,600 | 273,322 | (202,722) | 26% | No |
| Building Regulation | 779,327 | 2,843,687 | (2,064,359) | 27% | No |
| Emergency Management | 30,371 | 98,985 | (68,614) | 31% | No |
| Liquor Licensing | 77,515 | 221,308 | (143,793) | 35% | No |
| Land Information Memorandum | 35,525 | 105,716 | (70,192) | 34% | No |
| Parking | 75,328 | 236,596 | (161,268) | 32% | No |
| Animal Control | 170,166 | 591,852 | (421,686) | 29% | No |
| Resource Consents | 279,975 | 727,118 | (447,142) | 39% | No |
| Monitoring and Enforcement | 149,061 | 401,473 | (252,412) | 37% | No |
| Planning | 131,020 | 447,913 | (316,892) | 29% | No |
| | 1,798,889 | 5,947,969 | (4,149,080) | 30% | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Emergency Management | 34,000 | 39,535 | (5,535) | 86% | |
| | 34,000 | 39,535 | (5,535) | 86% | |
| Loan Repayments | | | | | |
| Animal Control | 0 | 4,400 | (4,400) | 0% | |
| Planning | 0 | 144,302 | (144,302) | 0% | No |
| | 0 | 148,702 | (148,702) | 0% | |

The above financials include the following:

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include the following:

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|---------------|---|---|---|----|
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
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The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities
Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end

**The majority of dog registration income is invoiced in July

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Income & Expenditure Report

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Operating Income | | | | | |
| Dividends and Interest | 473,849 | 2,250,000 | (1,776,151) | 21% | No |
| Te Whare Whakaterere | 164,783 | 780,361 | (615,578) | 21% | No |
| Executive Team | 582,357 | 1,924,459 | (1,342,102) | 30% | No |
| People & Capability | 303,572 | 1,085,558 | (781,987) | 28% | No |
| Information Systems | 1,253,184 | 4,271,422 | (3,018,237) | 29% | No |
| Customer Services | 242,310 | 797,062 | (554,752) | 30% | No |
| Treasury | 651,593 | 2,032,538 | (1,380,944) | 32% | No |
| Rates | 311,510 | 851,788 | (540,279) | 37% | No |
| Community Relations | 313,252 | 1,067,913 | (754,661) | 29% | No |
| Communications | 297,216 | 1,081,044 | (783,829) | 27% | No |
| Property Administration | 487,647 | 1,503,595 | (1,015,948) | 32% | No |
| Service Delivery | 1,471,087 | 4,376,789 | (2,905,703) | 34% | No |
| Parks Administration | 959,185 | 4,181,814 | (3,222,630) | 23% | No |
| Plant Operations | 36,735 | 988,746 | (952,011) | 4% | No |
| | 7,548,279 | 27,193,090 | (19,644,811) | 28% | |
| Operating Expenditure | | | | | |
| Dividends and Interest | 329 | 51,988 | (51,658) | 1% | |
| Te Whare Whakaterere | 164,783 | 769,109 | (604,326) | 21% | No |
| Executive Team | 582,357 | 1,924,459 | (1,342,102) | 30% | No |
| People & Capability | 303,506 | 1,085,559 | (782,052) | 28% | No |
| Information Systems | 1,253,184 | 4,271,422 | (3,018,237) | 29% | No |
| Customer Services | 242,310 | 797,061 | (554,752) | 30% | No |
| Treasury | 651,593 | 2,035,587 | (1,383,993) | 32% | No |
| Rates | 352,201 | 851,788 | (499,587) | 41% | No |
| Community Relations | 313,252 | 1,067,913 | (754,661) | 29% | No |
| Communications | 297,216 | 1,081,044 | (783,829) | 27% | No |
| Property Administration | 487,647 | 1,503,593 | (1,015,946) | 32% | No |
| Service Delivery | 1,471,087 | 4,376,789 | (2,905,703) | 34% | No |
| Parks Administration | 959,635 | 4,181,814 | (3,222,179) | 23% | No |
| Plant Operations | 341,375 | 1,076,399 | (735,024) | 32% | No |
| | 7,420,476 | 25,074,525 | (17,654,050) | 30% | |
| Capital Income | | | | | |
| Te Whare Whakaterere | 163,750 | 0 | 163,750 | 0% | Yes |
| Plant Operations | 61,609 | 100,000 | (38,391) | 62% | |
| | 225,359 | 100,000 | 125,359 | 225% | |
| Capital Expenditure | | | | | |
| Te Whare Whakaterere | 3,870 | 0 | 3,870 | 0% | |
| Information Systems | 95,002 | 243,500 | (148,498) | 39% | No |
| Plant Operations | 55,384 | 421,161 | (365,777) | 13% | No |
| | 154,256 | 664,661 | (510,405) | 23% | |
| <i>The above financials include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Development Contributions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include the following:</i> | | | | | |
| Vested Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | |
| <i>The above financials do not include appropriations - to and from activities</i> | | | | | |

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Operating Income

Dividends and Interest

\$1,776,151U

Dividends and Interest includes dividends received from Transwaste of \$229,500. Balance is interest earned on bank funds.

Miscellaneous, Dividends & Internal Overheads – Capital Income

Te Whare Whakaterere

\$163,750F

Reason for variance

Sale of the relocatable buildings on the former civic administration site.

Loan Repayments

For period ending 31 October 2024

| | Actual YTD | Budget Full Year | Variance | Percentage of Budget | Permanent Variance |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Loan Repayments | 0 | 10,421,283 | (10,421,283) | 0% | No |

Budgeted Loan Repayments are actioned at year end

Balance Sheet - DRAFT

As at 31 October 2024

| | YTD Actual | 30-Jun-24 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Public Equity | | |
| Ratepayers Equity | 551,228,911 | 540,986,000 |
| Revaluation Reserves | 377,771,000 | 377,771,000 |
| Funds and Reserves | 59,688,000 | 59,688,000 |
| | 988,687,911 | 978,445,000 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | |
| External Loans | 130,600,000 | 130,600,000 |
| Other Term Liabilities | 650,000 | 650,000 |
| | 131,250,000 | 131,250,000 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Trade Creditors | 1,883,207 | 3,886,385 |
| Deposits & Bonds | 1,610,632 | 1,835,395 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 1,153,524 | 210,321 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 3,190,856 | 8,935,898 |
| | 7,838,219 | 14,868,000 |
| Total Equity & Liabilities | 1,127,776,130 | 1,124,563,000 |
| Fixed Assets | 206,846,775 | 208,266,445 |
| Infrastructural Assets | 854,716,116 | 859,724,310 |
| Work in Progress | 12,502,519 | 12,502,519 |
| Advances | 379,118 | 395,158 |
| Shares | 10,425,549 | 10,425,549 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash & Bank | 12,106,210 | 11,057,000 |
| Cash Investments | 4,000,000 | 4,000,000 |
| GST | 612,081 | 2,216,441 |
| Receivables | 20,319,976 | 4,906,616 |
| Provision for Doubtful Debts | (64,688) | (64,688) |
| Stock | 71,888 | 71,888 |
| Accruals | 5,517,782 | 6,529,416 |
| Other Current Assets | 342,804 | 4,532,346 |
| | 42,906,053 | 33,249,019 |
| Total Assets | 1,127,776,130 | 1,124,563,000 |

Net Debt and Borrowings

As at 31 October 2024

Net Debt



External Borrowing

| Local Government Funding | Amount | Rate | | Maturity |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------|-----------|
| LGFA 2024 | 12,000,000 | 5.78% | Floating | 14-Nov-24 |
| LGFA 2023 | 5,000,000 | 6.06% | Floating | 15-Apr-25 |
| LGFA 2022 | 5,000,000 | 6.00% | Floating | 15-Apr-25 |
| LGFA 2022 | 3,000,000 | 5.94% | Floating | 15-Apr-25 |
| LGFA 2021 | 7,000,000 | 6.02% | Floating | 15-Apr-25 |
| LGFA 2024 | 5,000,000 | 6.10% | Floating | 15-Apr-26 |
| LGFA 2023 | 5,000,000 | 6.25% | Floating | 15-Apr-26 |
| LGFA 2023 | 5,000,000 | 6.03% | Floating | 15-Apr-26 |
| LGFA 2020 | 10,000,000 | 6.28% | Floating | 15-Apr-26 |
| LGFA 2024 | 5,000,000 | 6.02% | Floating | 15-Apr-27 |
| LGFA 2024 | 3,000,000 | 5.19% | Fixed | 15-Apr-27 |
| LGFA 2023 | 5,000,000 | 6.39% | Floating | 15-Apr-27 |
| LGFA 2023 | 5,000,000 | 6.20% | Floating | 15-Apr-27 |
| LGFA 2020 | 5,000,000 | 0.97% | Fixed | 15-Apr-27 |
| LGFA 2020 | 5,000,000 | 1.23% | Fixed | 15-Apr-27 |
| LGFA 2024 | 7,000,000 | 6.40% | Floating | 15-May-28 |
| LGFA 2021 | 16,600,000 | 2.01% | Fixed | 15-May-28 |
| LGFA 2024 | 7,000,000 | 6.39% | Floating | 20-Apr-29 |
| LGFA 2023 | 5,000,000 | 5.08% | Fixed | 20-Apr-29 |
| LGFA 2022 | 10,000,000 | 6.25% | Floating | 20-Apr-29 |
| Total External Funding | 130,600,000 | | | |

Borrowing by Activity

As at 31 October 2024

| | External Borrowing | Internal Borrowing |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Commercial Property | 61,214,122 | 5,425,773 |
| Elderly Person Housing | 55,090 | 194,696 |
| Wastewater | 24,898,411 | 204,372 |
| Drinking Water | 24,706,055 | 3,629,358 |
| Compliance & Development | 684,304 | - |
| Stormwater | 2,635,319 | - |
| Cemeteries | 1,802,202 | - |
| Water Resources | 325,360 | - |
| Arts & Culture | 2,047,004 | - |
| Refuse and Recycling | 639,430 | 149,749 |
| Stockwater | 315,620 | - |
| Roading | 6,980,030 | - |
| Footpaths | 663,949 | - |
| Recreation Facilities | 182,368 | - |
| Civic Building | 42,699 | - |
| Parks | 2,450,012 | 3,587,491 |
| Camping | 16,421 | - |
| Public Conveniences | 269,856 | - |
| Reserve Boards | 671,750 | 40,119 |
| Total | 130,600,000 | 13,231,558 |

Council Investments

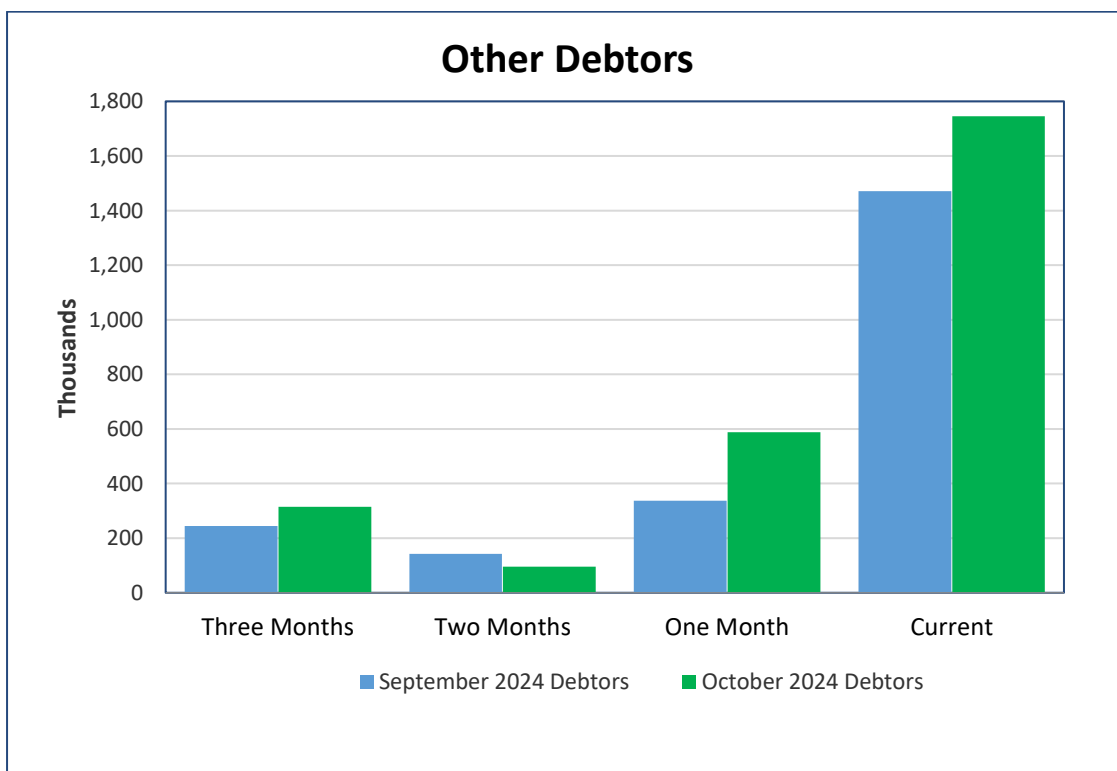
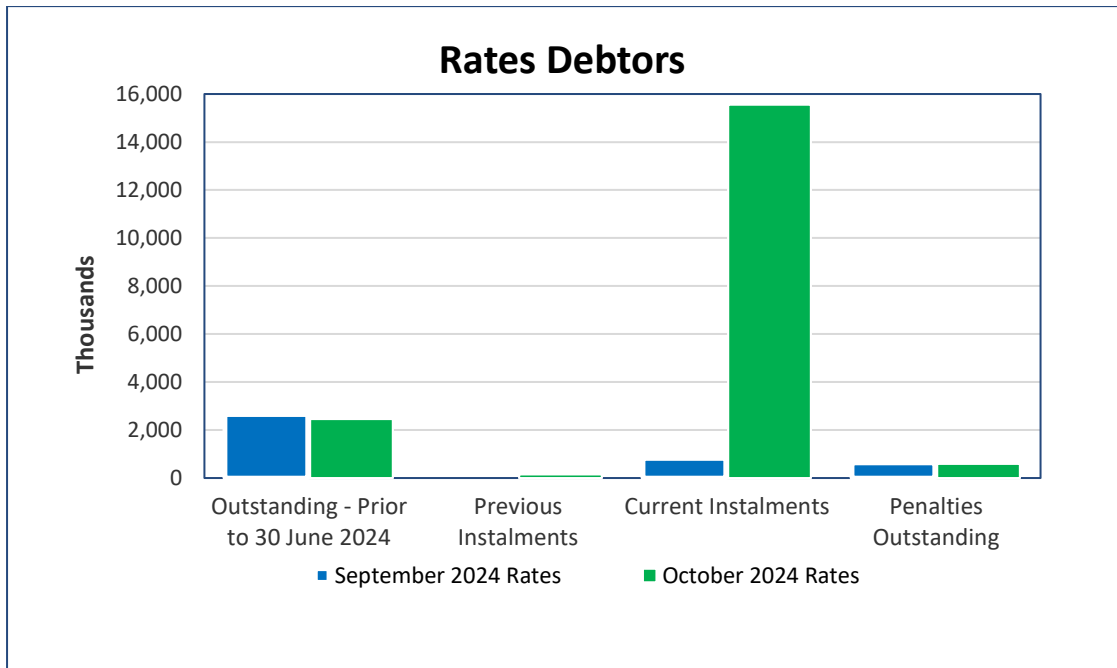
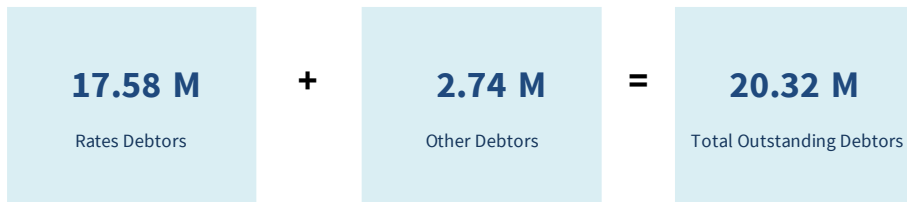
As at 31 October 2024

Listed below are the current significant investments held by Council.

| Local Authority Stock and Bonds | Principal | Interest | Yield | Maturity |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Bonds | | | | |
| ANZ | 1,000,000 | 2.99% | 6.04% | 17-Sep-26 |
| Westpac | 1,100,000 | 6.19% | 5.79% | 16-Sep-27 |
| Kiwibank | 1,000,000 | 5.73% | 4.95% | 19-Oct-27 |
| Westpac | 900,000 | 6.73% | 5.95% | 14-Feb-28 |
| | 4,000,000 | | | |
| Advances | | | | |
| Eastfield Investments | 379,118 | | | |
| | 379,118 | | | |
| Shares | | | | |
| Ashburton Contracting Ltd | 4,500,000 | | | |
| Civic Financial Services Ltd | 52,159 | | | |
| RDR Management | 30,000 | | | |
| Transwaste Canterbury Ltd | 1,111,590 | | | |
| ATS | 500 | | | |
| Electricity Ashburton Rebates | 1,300 | | | |
| LGFA Equity | 2,965,000 | | | |
| Eastfield Investments | 1,765,000 | | | |
| | 10,425,549 | | | |

Receivables Summary (Including Prior Month Comparative)

As at 31 October 2024



Receivables Summary continued

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Outstanding Debtors over 90 days | |
| >\$100,000 | 0 |
| \$50,000 - \$100,000 | 2 |
| \$30,000 - \$50,000 | 2 |
| \$10,000 - \$30,000 | 9 |

The above debtors are being actively managed or under a resolution process.