

***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 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024) 1 submitter intends to send a recording to be played at the hearing.

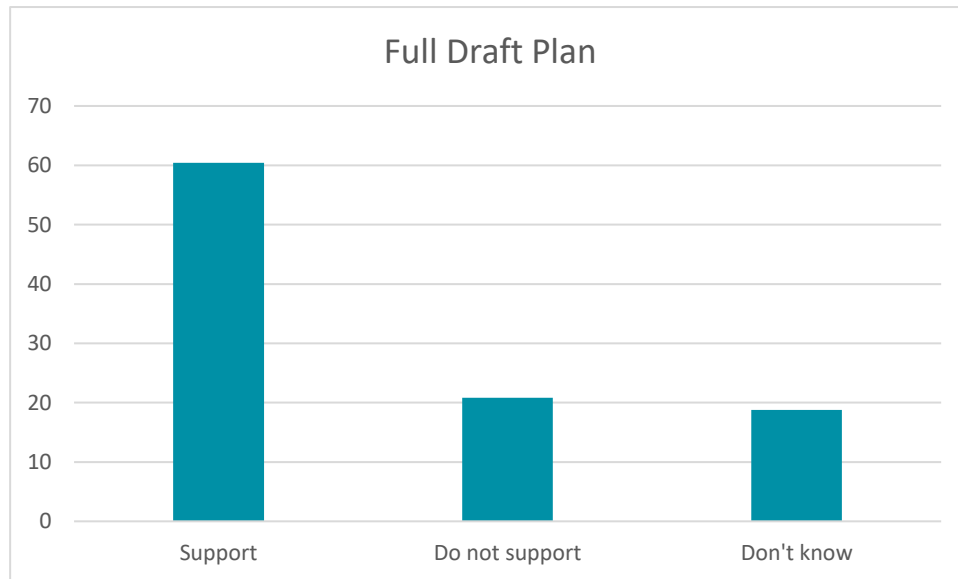
Abbreviations used throughout this document:

- 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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100%</b>



## 1.1 Submitter visions and comments

Submitter name	Page	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Contributor 1751</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 135-141</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Accepted. <b>Recommend change.</b>
<b>Richard Mabon</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 117-121</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It appears a comprehensive and professional document. The content appears to make good common sense for the most part.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Deb Martin</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 106-109</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>I also support the opportunity for increased manawhenua acknowledgements, restoration, and exercising of rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support council in all their efforts to ensure that Ashburton continues to grow as a vibrant and interesting town.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Contributor 1842</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seems to cover necessary aspects of a reserve plan.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Clayton Howard</b>	<b>Full comment is included here.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Gerard Kennedy Power</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 77-80</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good to have long term plans but need flexibility in these fast-changing times.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Hebe Gibson</b> (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 52-76</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to natural environments is a determinant of health. Green and blue spaces can benefit mental and physical health by reducing stress, lowering</li> </ul>	Noted.

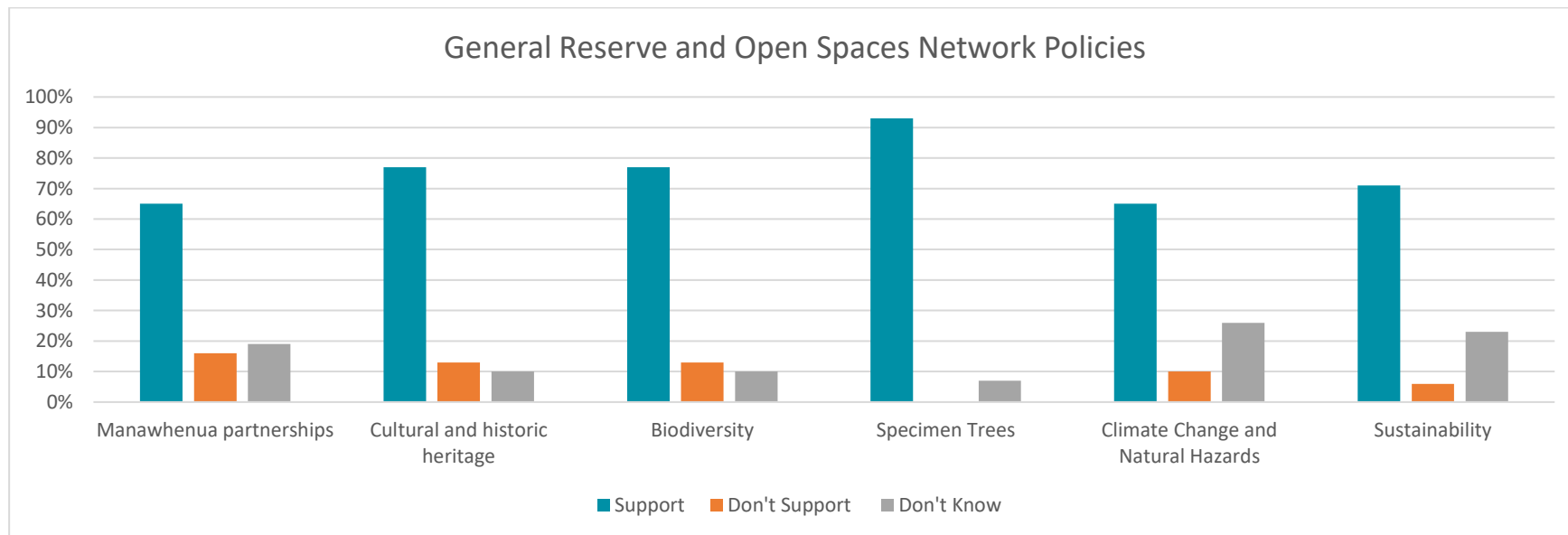
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		<p>blood pressure, improving mood, encouraging physical activity and promoting social connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We commend Council for recognising reserves as a major contributor to health and wellbeing in the Draft Reserve Management Plan. Health outcomes are dependent on the collective and organised efforts of society, including organisations beyond the health sector, such as local government.</li> </ul>	
<b>Andrew Sparks,</b> (Chairperson - Pendarves Reserve Board)	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 49-51</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We believe reserve management is important in the Ashburton district.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted. <b>Recommend no change.</b> A grass athletics track in the Ashburton Domain. A recent utilisation study found there was no need for provision of additional athletics facilities
<b>Edith Smith</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 42-44</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I support the reference to the District Council Biodiversity Strategy and Manawhenua with regard to the Reserve Management Plan.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Mary Ralston</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 39-41</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Jonathan Everist</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 35-38</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Darryl</b>	<b>Full comment is included here.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no point having a management plan that is over ruled by one demographic of society.</li> </ul>	Noted. Unclear what is meant by this.
<b>Sue Heney</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 88-90</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After reading through submissions, and in particular hearing councillors explaining their reasons for why they vote as they do on matters that concern</li> </ul>	Noted.

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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	
<b>Brett Evans</b>	<b>Full comment is included here.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactive approach to future sustainability.</li> </ul>	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:

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<b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 95-91</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>	Noted.

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<p><b>Hebe Gibson</b> (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)</p>	<p><b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 52-76</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Manawhenua partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu strongly supports the partnership focused policies to work with mana whenua.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu also supports the policy to promote mahika kai practices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Engagement with Mana Whenua</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the inclusion of information about engagement with mana whenua in the Draft Reserve Management Plan.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the inclusion of feedback from mana whenua and suggest that Council provides more information about how this</li> </ul>	<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><b>Recommend change.</b> Update information in section 1.7.2 to outline how council engaged with manawhenua: <a href="#">Ashburton District Council engaged with manawhenua via a series</a></p>

		<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><b>Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p><u>of five hui, which were held between April 2023 and February 2024.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p>Accepted.</p> <p><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></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><b>Recommend change.</b></p> <p>Update definition of partnership to: Partnership – the mutual duties <u>of Treaty partners</u> to act towards each other</p>
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	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 52-76</b>	<p><b>Climate change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu strongly supports the climate change policies.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu particularly support the policy to enable the use of sustainable transport to reserves.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ puts infrastructure and services in place to support the use of sustainable transport options, such as bike racks, public transport services, and education campaigns.</li> <li>○ integrates these transport policies with the goals of Walking and Cycling Strategy 2020-2030.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>reasonably and in good faith are the core of the Treaty partnership.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Out of scope of the RMP.</b></p> <p><b>Recommend no change.</b> 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>
<b>Gerard Kennedy Power</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 77-80</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Noted.

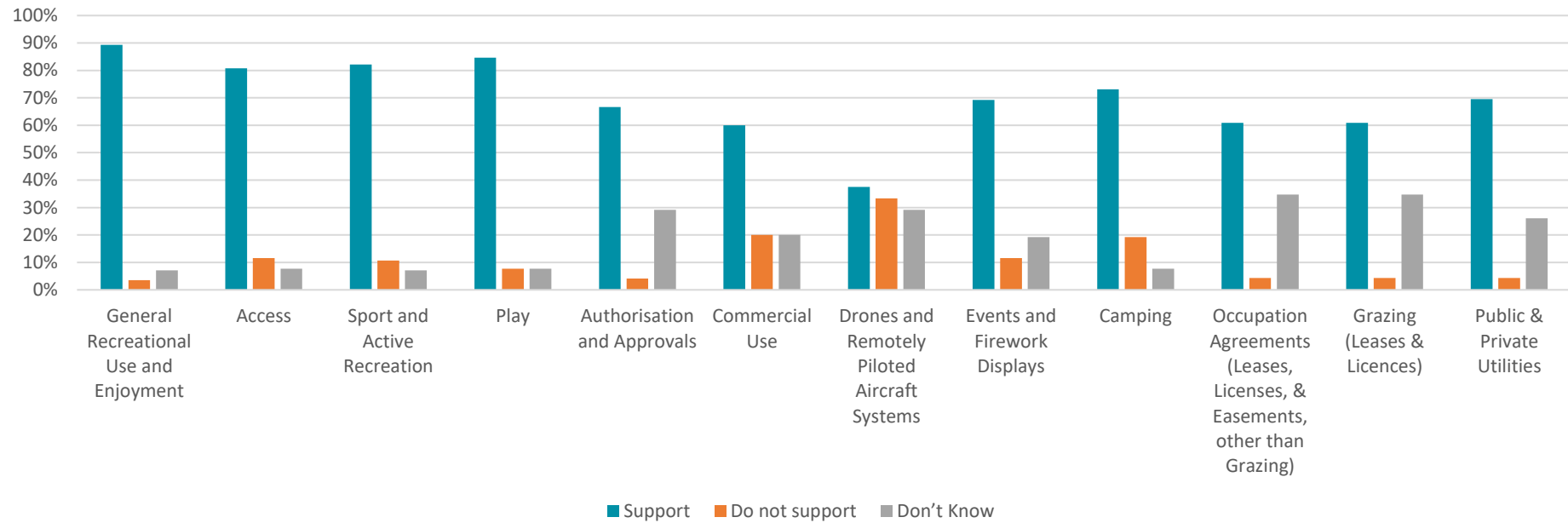
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<b>Edith Smith</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 42-44</b>	<b>Cultural and Historic Heritage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage buildings associated with reserves are an important part of Ashburton's culture important and should be identified and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

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<b>3.3.2 Access</b>			
<b>Hebe Gibson</b> (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 52-76</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the policies to make reserves accessible for many different users.</li> <li>• NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ uses the PARCS tool<sup>8</sup> 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.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> This is an operational matter.</p> <p><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> Council will consider on a case by case basis, whether the provision of biking infrastructure at a reserve is appropriate.</p>
<b>3.3.3 Sports and Active Recreation</b>			
<b>Hebe Gibson</b> (NPHS Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 52-76</b>	Support policies to provide spaces for sports and recreation at reserves.	Noted.
<b>3.3.4 Play</b>			
<b>Richard Mabon</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 117-120</b>	<b>Shade provision</b> 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.
<b>Hebe Gibson</b> (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 52-76</b>	<b>Play provision general and accessible play</b> 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.



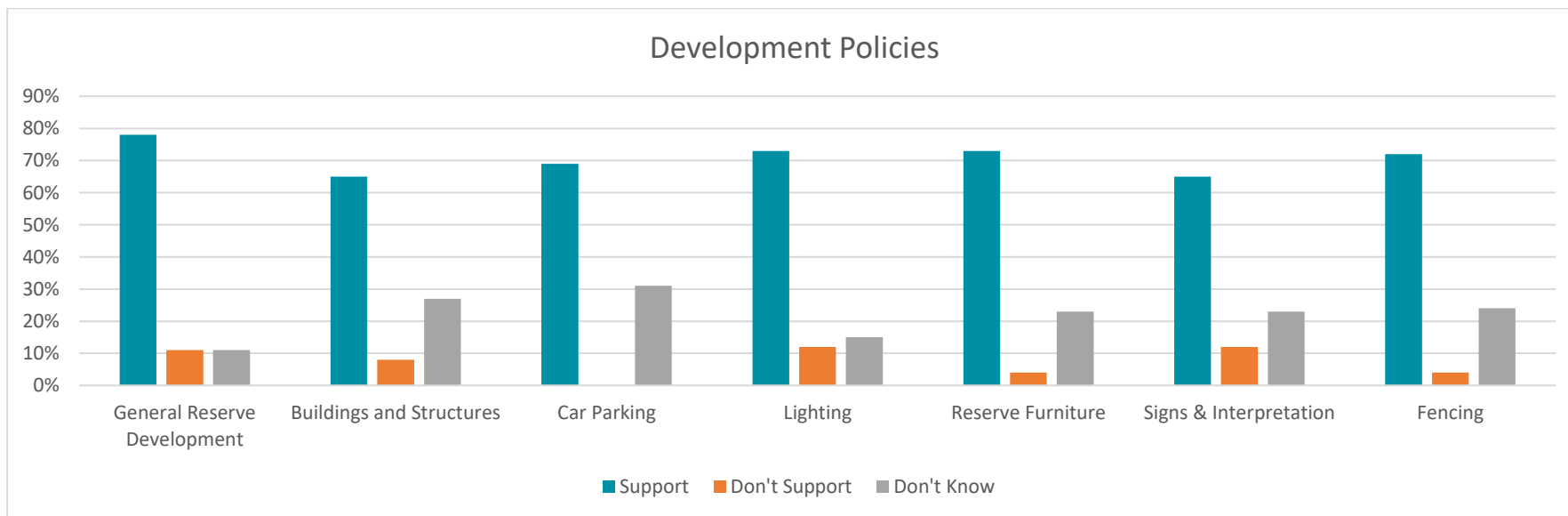
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<b>3.3.8 Events and Firework Displays</b>			
<b>2 - Linton and Anne Johnston,</b>  <b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Full comment is included here.</b>  <b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	Do not support fireworks.	Accepted. <b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> Due to the nature of fireworks, the RMP sets out an approvals process and makes expectations clear.
<b>3.3.6 Commercial Use:</b>			
<b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	Support commercial use with strict control	Noted.
<b>3.3.9 Camping:</b>			
<b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	Do not support. Definitely no freedom camping use registered camping grounds.	Accepted. <b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> 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.
<b>3.3.12 Public &amp; Private Utilities Policy</b>			
<b>1 - Linton and Anne Johnston</b>	<b>Full comment is included here.</b>	what is meant re[sic] utilities?  Submitter seeks clarification by asking what is meant by utilities?	Accepted. <b>Recommend <u>change</u>.</b> 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>

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			<a href="#">drainage, sewage reticulation, treatment and disposal, roads and airports.</a>
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Contributor 1842</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	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
<b>3.4.1 General Reserve Development</b>			
Richard Mabon	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 117-120</b>	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. <b>Recommend change.</b> 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)	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 52-76</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPHS Te Waipounamu supports policies to consider using universal design principles and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in the development of reserves.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>3.4.2. Buildings &amp; Structures:</b>			
Bev Skates	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	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	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	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>

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			<i>rooms, public toilets, bridges, viewing platforms or lookouts, etc.</i>
<b>3.4.3 Car Parking</b>			
Hunter	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	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.
<b>3.4.4 Lighting</b>			
Contributor 1842	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	Let's have dark sky	Noted. Policy 3.4.4 allows for the creation of designated 'dark sky' places
<b>3.4.6 Signs and Interpretation</b>			
<b>Hebe Gibson</b> (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 52-76</b>	<p>NPHS Te Waipounamu recommends that Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>restricts the types of advertising that are permitted on reserves.</li> <li>bans alcohol sponsorship at reserves.</li> </ul>	<p>Accepted.</p> <p><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></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>
<b>3.4.7. Fencing</b>			
<b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	Don't overdo the fencing, it's important to have some for safety reasons.	Noted.
<b>Contributor 1842</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	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

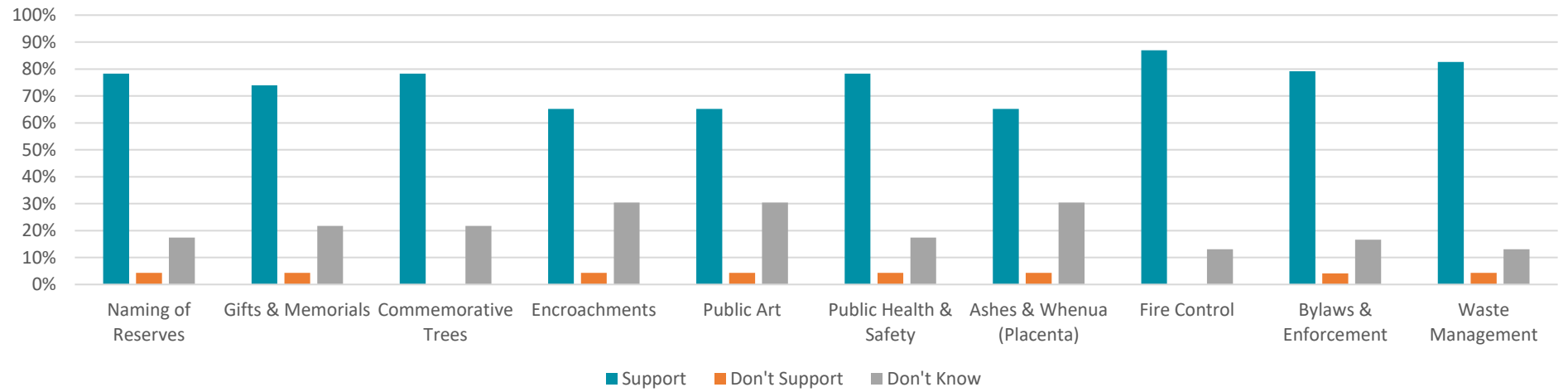
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			protection of plant species and wildlife.

## 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
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:

Submitter name		Summary	Staff comments
<b>3.5.1 Naming</b>			
Bev Skates	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	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: <a href="https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/36266/Naming-Policy-2023-Appendix-1-2.pdf">https://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/36266/Naming-Policy-2023-Appendix-1-2.pdf</a> .
Hebe Gibson (NPHS Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 56-76</b>	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	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 77-80</b>	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.
<b>3.5.3 Commemorative trees</b>			
Contributor 1842	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	--- need to be suitable for area they are planted in.	Noted.
Edith Smith	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 42-44</b>	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.
<b>3.5.4 Encroachment</b>			
Bev Skates	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	No encroachments onto reserves.	Noted.
<b>3.5.10 Waste Management</b>			

Submitter name		Summary	Staff comments
Margaret	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 99-101</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> 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	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste management is tricky. We shouldn't need to have waste management in an ideal world.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted. <b>Not within RMP scope</b>
<b>3.5.6 Public Health and Safety</b>			
<b>Hebe Gibson</b> (National Public Health Service Te Waipounamu)	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 52-76</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage Council to consider increasing the number of reserves that are smokefree and vapefree.</li> </ul>	Accepted. <b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> Development of a smokefree or vapefree policy is out of the scope of this RMP.

#### 4.2 Errata and Corrections – Volume 1

Park or Reserve	Submitter name	Page	Summary	Staff comments
<b>Errata and corrections</b>				
<b>Table of Contents</b>	<b>Staff proposal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend change.</b>
<b>Appendix D – Schedule of Reserve land where camping is permitted</b>	<b>Staff proposal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ōtuatari / Lake Camp (65) correct spelling mistake</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend change.</b> Camping, including in tents, in the area surrounding the existing toilet block on

				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

Park or Reserve	Submitter name	Page	Summary	Staff comments
Ashburton Domain	<b>Contributor 1753</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 132-134</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted. Operational matter.</p> <p><b>Recommend no change.</b></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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	<b>Bev Skates</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 91-95</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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-</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Look at the nationwide company CREO - Playground Design &amp; Build.</li> <li>• CREO were involved with Timaru's Caroline Bay's new playground.</li> </ul>	<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>
	<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids area is terrible needs new road in and updated kids pool needs to be away bigger and a splash and</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• Should be a bike park so kids get used to road rules and have lights etc like Timaru has put in.</li> <li>• Also, playgrounds heaps just sits gets broken then never fixed play ground is so old now and has nothing done to it.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<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>
	<b>Contributor 1754</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 128-131</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to be kept tidy.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Jan de Kleijn</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 124-127</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looks very good well maintained and tidy</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Richard Mabon</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 117-120</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Contributor 1842</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looks Ok.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Gerard Kennedy Power</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 77-80</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domain is great.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Edith Smith</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 42-44</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good to hear a move towards planting native species in the Domain which will educate visitors about their significance</li> </ul>	Noted.

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	Jonathan Everist	Booklet-1 Pg 35-38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I consider much more attention needs to be devoted to maintaining the existing trees, many of which seem to need more frequent pruning.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Thank you for your mahi, and for the opportunity to comment upon your draft Plan. I think you are doing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommend no change.</b> 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. <b>Recommend no change.</b></p> <p>Noted. <b>Recommend no change.</b> 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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<b>Multiple parks submitted on –</b> Alford Forest Domain Methven Domain Mayfield Domain	<b>Jonathan Everist</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 35-38</b>	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.
<b>Methven Domain</b>	<b>Methven Reserve Board (via council staff)</b>	<b>Full comment is included here for review</b>	Can 'and hockey' be removed from page 3 please as hockey is no longer played on the courts.	<b>Recommend change</b> as suggested.
<b>Tinwald Domain</b>	<b>Sue Heney</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 88-90</b>	Hoping an outdoor pool can be included in this area asap.	Noted. <b>Out of scope of this RMP.</b>

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<b>Greenstreet Domain</b>	<b>Alison Aschen</b> (Secretary/Treasurer) <b>Greenstreet Ashburton Forks Hall</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 102-105</b>	<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"> <li><b>1. Re-grass tennis court:</b> The committee have considered to rip up the old &amp; disintegrating asphalt &amp; grass the area. This will be undertaken at a suitable time for the members involved.</li> <li><b>2. Mana Whenua to educate the public on the area:</b> During the late summer of 2024, the Greenstreet creek was drying up, which has rarely occurred, local farmers &amp; residents set about rescuing &amp; 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.</li> <li><b>3. Playground at the end of useful life?</b> The committee has undertaken repairs to the playground in recent years, bringing it up to standard, as per council</li> </ol>	<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>

			<p>requirements. Just because it is old, it has not run out of "Fun" for the children.</p> <p><b>4. Renew Hall?</b> The Hall has recently had the power dug underground from the road &amp; a new switch board &amp; lighting installed.</p> <p><b>5. Signage:</b> 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><b>6. Trees for shade:</b> There are trees by the playground &amp; 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><b>7. On going Maintenance:</b> In 2018, the community rallied &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>Recommend change.</b> Remove reference to hall renewal from Development opportunities section.</p> <p>Noted. <b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p> <p>Noted. <b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> The RMP identifies potential development opportunities that can be implemented as funding allows.</p> <p>Noted. <b>Recommend change.</b> Remove reference to aging volunteer base from last bullet point under Key issues.</p> <p>Noted. <b>Recommend change.</b> Remove Policy 3.</p>
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			<p><b>8. Raising funds:</b> 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><b>Ian Hodge</b> (Chair Greenstreet Hall Committee)  <b>Greenstreet Ashburton Forks Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Booklet-1 Pg 96-98</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorses submission by Alison Aschen.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Without the committee this valuable community asset would soon become obsolete and unused.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<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>	
<b>Mount Somers Domain</b>	<b>Contributor 1842</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	Mt Somers Domain. Seems to be well managed & free of vandalism.	Noted.
<b>Pendarves Domain</b>	<b>Andrew Sparks,</b> Chairperson Pendarves Reserve Board <b>Pendarves Reserve Board</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 49-51</b>	<p>The Pendarves Reserve Board supports the plan but would like to make some points as below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tennis courts</b> - We have submitted quotes for renewing of the surface to the district council's Long-Term Plan.</li> <li>• <b>Income</b> - We have a small income from a licence to occupy with the fire brigade.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recycling</b> - 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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p> <p>Engagement is to take place prior to the relocation of recycling facilities.</p>
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<b>Rakaia Domain (Michael Street)</b>	<b>Dave Eddington</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 15-34</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rezone Michael Street reserve to residential.</li> <li>• Rezone Burrowes Road to Reserve.</li> <li>• The proposal will enable housing development and playground facilities for East of Rakaia.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff have assumed that <b>Michael Street Reserve</b> 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"> <li>Exchange Michael Street Reserve with Burrowes Road area as replacement reserve.</li> </ul> <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><b>This process is out of scope of the RMP.</b></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>
<p><b>Rakaia Domain (Michael Street)</b></p>	<p><b>Neil Pluck</b> (Chairman – Rakaia Citizens Association) Late Submission</p>	<p><b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 3-5</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<p>Noted. See comments above.</p>

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			as important for the people and Families that live on the East side of Rakaia.	
<b>Tinwald Domain</b>	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.	<b>Recommend change.</b> Update map to include all land parcels.





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<b>Ashburton Cemetery</b>	<b>Don Young</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 121-123</b>	<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>
<b>Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park</b>	<b>Jo Evans</b> (Rep for dog owners regarding dog exercise areas behind Kmart)	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 06-11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>	<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>
<b>Argyle Park</b>	<b>Wendy</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 142</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Dog control is out of scope of the RMP.</b></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"> <li>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?</li> </ul>	
	<b>Contributor 1756</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 142</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Baring Square East</b>	<b>Mull</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 142</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Recommend no change.</b></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"> <li>Suggest you use services of locals Val Clemens and/or Edith Smith to draw up plans and source plants.</li> <li>Get rid of the Mish Mash ... hideous.</li> </ul>	
<b>EANC Open Space</b>	<b>Peter Murray</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 143</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b> Acquisition of land is out of scope for this RMP.
	<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<b>Out of scope.</b> EANC facility is out of scope for this RMP, only the reserves surrounding the centre are in scope.
<b>Fairfield Road Reserve</b>	<b>Kara</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 143</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return the management &amp; 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 &amp; community ideas for use :)</li> </ul>	Accepted. <b>Recommend change.</b> 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
	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 143</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Elwyn &amp; Riki</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 143</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have watched 3 generations grow up using this land and believe it was a great loss to the community when</li> </ul>	

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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.
	<b>Perry Costen</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 143</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A community SHOULD have a local place that they can walk/bike/socialise and gather, freely and safely.</li> <li>• Fairton is a unique community which does not have this.</li> <li>• Unlike residents in the town boundary, we are unable to just stroll to a local park or reserve.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• A happy community, is a safe community... and therefore a happy rate payer.</li> </ul>	<p>Staff recommend to include an additional policy:</p> <p>3. <a href="#"><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></a></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>
<b>Ferrier Place Park</b>	<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this is the one with the big tower and slide ☒ This is the best park Ashburton has.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>George Glassey Park</b>	<b>Helen</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 144</b>	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>
<b>Harland Street Park</b>	<b>Graham</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 114-116</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This park is definitely forgotten about.</li> </ul>	Noted.

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<b>Huntingdon Ave Playground Reserve</b>	<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><b>Out of scope of the RMP.</b></p>
<b>Lake Hood</b>	<b>Contributor 1842</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 84-87</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Hood Have been there several times. Seems to be managed adequately.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Anne Mitchell</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 81-83</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 45-48</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<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.
<b>Wisteria Place Park</b>	<b>Richard Mabon</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 117-120</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted.
	<b>Graham</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 114-116</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This park is definitely forgotten about.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Errata and corrections</b>				
<b>Ashburton Dog Park and Robilliard Park</b>	<b>Staff proposal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 26 – incorrect legal description is included for one of the land parcels RS 40468, should read <a href="#">RS 40668</a>.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend change.</b>
<b>Cawton Grove Linkage</b>	<b>Staff proposal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 5 – include information about current licence to private to occupy of 169.3m<sup>2</sup> of the land, to expire in 2026.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend change.</b>
<b>EA Networks Centre Open Space</b>	<b>Staff proposal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<b>Recommend change.</b>

## 5.4 Volume 5 - Methven and Rural Reserves

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<b>Methven</b>				
<b>Multiple parks submitted on -</b> <b>Methven Skatepark</b> <b>Methven Cemetery</b> <b>Thyme Stream Walkway</b> <b>Methven Dog Park</b> <b>Chambers Park</b>	<b>Margaret</b>	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 99-101</b>	<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><b>Recommend change</b> for Chambers Park development opportunities:</p> <p>The following opportunities have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consider</b> upgrade <b>of</b> existing playground to provide for a wider range of ages <b>and abilities</b>.</li> </ul>

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<b>Rural Reserves in Eastern &amp; Western Ward</b>				
<b>Multiple parks submitted on - Bowyers Stream Rest Area Sharplin Falls Recreation Reserve Taylors Stream Reserve</b>	<b>Jonathan Everist</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 35-38</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once again, I can see you are trying with all these areas.</li> </ul>	Noted.
<b>Allan Lochhead Green - North</b>	<b>Jake</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 144</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted. Operational matter.
<b>Ashton Beach Reserve</b>	<b>Deb Martin</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 106-109</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce motorised vehicle impacts and provide buffers to protect.</li> <li>Protect and restore ecological values.</li> <li>Support aspirations of manawhenua at site.</li> </ul>	Noted.  Noted. Noted.
	<b>Anne Mitchell</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 81-83</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big puddles often prevent access to the viewing platform overlooking the Hakatere River mouth at Ashton Beach.</li> <li>The road that exits needs improvement.</li> <li>There are lots of vehicle tracks past the bird sanctuary No Go signs.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>	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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<b>Awa Awa Rata Reserve</b>	<b>Mary Ralston</b>	<b>Booklet-1 Pg 39-41</b>	<p><b>Key issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not just animal pests that need on-going control, but plant weeds too, e.g., alder, blackberry.</li> <li>camping at times is an issue &amp; there needs to be a clear policy &amp; signs to deter campers.</li> <li>off-track driving in winter is often an issue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific Policies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>need to work with DOC &amp; the committee to maintain and improve the walking tracks that lead around the reserve.</li> <li>The standard of bridges also needs improvement.</li> <li>It would be good to raise the standard of track that goes around the outside to the standard for wheelchairs and baby buggies</li> <li>signage for walking tracks needs to be improved, again need to work with DOC &amp; committee</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	<p>Accepted in part.</p> <p><b>Recommend partial change.</b></p> <p>Add to issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plant pest control</li> <li>camping</li> </ul> <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><b>Recommend change.</b></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"> <li><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></li> <li><u>Future plantings should focus on not introducing any new exotic species.</u></li> </ol>

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

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<b>Land in Rakaia</b>	<b>Neil Pluck</b> (Chairman – Rakaia Citizens Association) Late Submission	<b>Booklet-1</b> <b>Pg 3-5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Noted. <b>Out of scope for this RMP process.</b> Obtaining funding is subject to Annual Plan or LTP.
<b>Errata and corrections</b>				

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	Staff proposal	N/A	Page 61 – under Background reference to Reserve 1674 made twice.	<p><b>Recommend change:</b>  <del>Res 1674</del> 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
Reserve land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lot 1 DP 79247 – comprises the land area surrounding the lake</li> <li>• Sec 1 SO 18196 – comprises the lake itself and a small area of land.</li> </ul>	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.**

Submitter name	Page	Summary	Staff comments	Recommended changes
<p><b>General support and comments</b></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><b>3 submissions</b></p> <p>Deb Martin, Rob Reid, Alan Knowles &amp; Carolyn Marks</p>		<p>Key themes from the submissions related to:</p> <p><b>Support for Biodiversity and Protection Measures:</b> Strong endorsement of efforts to protect and restore biodiversity, geological, and water values, including preventing harmful vehicle access.</p> <p><b>Acknowledgment of Climate Concerns:</b></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><b>Support for Manawhenua Aspirations:</b></p> <p>Advocacy for increasing manawhenua connections to the site, such as through mahika kai, education, and nohoanga.</p> <p><b>Positive Community contributions:</b></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"> <li>• Positive community contributions including the positive impact of restoration plantings and efforts by hut holders and lake users.</li> <li>• Climate change concerns</li> <li>• Support for mana whenua aspirations</li> <li>• Praise for recreational facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p>



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		<p><b>Praise for Recreational Facilities:</b></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><b>Theme 1: Save the Lake</b></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><b>99 submissions received:</b></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><b>Save the Lake – Single sentence submissions largely received via mapping tool.</b></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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></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><b>Theme 2: The plan is inadequate to deal with the serious degradation of the lake</b></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><b>5 submissions received</b></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><b>Doubt on Policy Effectiveness:</b> The submissions question whether current policies are adequately</p>	<p><b>Roles and responsibilities</b></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><b>Recommend changes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b><u>Volume 1 - 2.3 Regional and Local Planning Framework and Policies</u></b></li> <li>● Add explanation about the role of ECAN in managing waterways and the natural environment.</li> <li>● 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</li> </ul>

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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><b>Impact of Reduced Water Levels:</b> 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><b>Unanswered Questions on Water Quality:</b> 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><b>Develop a clear strategy:</b> 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><b>Key issues/ water quality</b></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) &amp; 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) &amp; 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"> <li>• <b><u>Under Volume 5 - Ōtautari / Lake Camp update key issues as follows:</u></b></li> </ul> <p><b><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></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The water quality of the lake is fair (Trophic Index Level<sup>1</sup>). However, ecological condition (based on Lake Submerged Plant Indicators (LakeSPI<sup>2</sup>) is high and long-term recreational water quality for swimming<sup>3</sup> (measured in the summer months only) is considered excellent and the lake has been suitable for swimming since records began in 2018.</u></li> <li>• <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></li> <li>• <u>Data for measuring water levels at Lake Camp is only available for the</u></li> </ul>

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.>

<sup>3</sup> 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><b>Proactive Water Management:</b> 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><b>Collaborate with Key Partners:</b> 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><b>Protect Recreational and Ecological Values:</b> 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><b>Collaboration</b></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><u>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.</u></p> <p><b>Update specific policies as follows:</b></p> <p>The following specific policies apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>1. Continue to implement the <del>landscape management and environmental plan for</del> '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.</u></li> <li><u>2. Continue to work with DOC, ECAN manawhenua and other stakeholders to support the implementation of 'The Future of Lake Camp (Ōtautari) &amp; Lake Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka) 30 Year Plan with a focus on:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• understanding, and where appropriate, planning for and addressing impacts of fluctuating water levels on the community and lake ecology,</u></li> <li><u>• maintaining, protecting and where possible improving biodiversity,</u></li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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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"> <li>managing activities on land to protect the water quality of the lake.</li> </ul> <p><del>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.</del></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><del>3. Continue to monitor the water quality of the lake to ensure recreational activities on the lake can be safely carried out.</del></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"> <li>Supports/ agrees with policy 2, 4 and 6</li> </ul>	Noted.	<b>No change.</b>
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Anonymous 18		<p><b>Policy 1 in DRMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.'</li> </ul> <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"> <li>existing issues and complexities associated with the management of the Ashburton Lakes area, including Ōtuatari / Lake Camp</li> <li>the number of stakeholders involved in management of the area; and</li> <li>the lack of research and common understanding of some of the key issues involved, including hydrology and impacts of climate change on the lake.</li> </ul> <p>It should be <b>noted</b> that the management of water quality and quantity of the lake is <b>not within scope of the RMP</b>, but within ECAN's wider environmental policies.</p> <p>Responsibilities for taking action regarding this policy will sit with various stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>Recommend change.</b></p> <p><b>Update policy 1 and 2 as suggested above.</b></p>

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C. Pearson, Tanya & Reon Hulme Mitchell Bellew		<p><b>Policy 2 in DRMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<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"> <li><b>Clause 3.</b> 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.</li> </ul>	<p>An error was made in mentioning Mount Somers in this policy.</p>	<p><b>Recommend change:</b></p> <p><b>Update policy 3 (now policy 4):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with mana whenua to investigate opportunities to educate the public about the significant cultural values of the land and surrounding areas, <b>including Mount Somers.</b></li> </ul>
Alan Knowles & Carolyn Marks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Clause 5.</b> 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</li> </ul>	<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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></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 &amp; Reon Hulme Mitchell Bellew</p>		<p><b>Additional Policy</b></p> <p>Submitter requests addition of a further specific policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p>
<p>Alan Knowles &amp; Carolyn Marks</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development opportunities:</b> *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</li> </ul>	<p>This is out of scope of the RMP and the responsibility of ECAN.</p>	<p><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p>



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		lead to algal blooms and eutrophication.		
<b>Theme 5: Camping</b> <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"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<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><b>Recommend change to policy 4 (now 5)</b></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"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p>
John Frank Porter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></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><b>Theme 5: Concern for low water level in Lake Camp</b></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><b>85 submissions:</b></p> <p>John Frank Porter, William Morrison, Linton &amp; 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 &amp; Chleone, Phil &amp; Rose, Jordanna Colgan, Bill, Brett, Brett, Lynn &amp; Gerald, Anonymous 8, Phoebe, Mark Saunders, Kim Beamsley, Colleen Howard, Owen Nuttridge, Lauren, Brent Ablett, Grant Cook, Amy Fisher, Darrin, C Pearson, Tanya &amp; 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><b>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2)</b> 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><b>Theme 6: Support for reinstatement of Balmacaan Stream diversion</b></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><b>170 submissions:</b></p> <p>John Frank Porter, William Morrison, Linton &amp; 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 &amp; Chleone, Phil &amp; 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><b>Resource consent is out of scope of the RMP.</b></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><b>Explanation:</b></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><b>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2)</b> 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 &amp; 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><b>Theme 7: Importance of recreational and social values of Lake Camp and need to protect these</b></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><b>140 submissions:</b></p> <p>William Morrison, Linton &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2)</b> 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 &amp; 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><b>Theme 8: Concern about impact on ecological and scenic values from low water levels at Lake Camp</b></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><b>51 submissions:</b></p> <p>C. Pearson, Linton &amp; 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 &amp; Rose, Kyle Farquhar, Brett, Anonymous 8, Jane Gilchrist, Mark Saunders, Amy Fisher, Darrin, Busty Coleman, Tanya &amp; 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 &amp; 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><b>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2)</b> as outlined under Theme 2.</p>
<p><b>Theme 9: Economic Impact</b></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><b>19 submissions:</b></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><b>Recommend change to policy 1 (now policy 2)</b> 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><b>Theme 10: Safety concerns resulting from low water levels of Lake Camp</b></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><b>20 submissions:</b></p> <p>C. Pearson, William Morrison, Anonymous 2, Bevan O'Brien, Leigh O'Brien, Colleen Howard, Jim, C Pearson, Tanya &amp; 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><b>Out of scope of the RMP.</b></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><b>Recommend change to policy 2 (now 3)</b> as outlined under Theme 2.</p>



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<p><b>Theme 11: Frustration about Authorities' Delays and Bureaucratic Hurdles</b></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><b>26 submissions:</b></p> <p>Peter, Sue, Georgie, David, Power, Eve Robinson, Phil &amp; Rose, Brett, Neil Pluck, Owen Nuttridge, Brent Ablett, Darrin, Tanya &amp; 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"> <li>• Submitters directed criticism at authorities (ECAN, ADC and DOC) for perceived inaction and neglect of the issue.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Comments relating to bureaucracy are noted.</p> <p><b>Resource consent processes are out of scope of the RMP.</b></p> <p><b>Anyone</b> 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><b>Recommend <u>no</u> change.</b></p>

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<p><b>Theme 12: Call for urgent and collaborative action</b></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><b>37 submissions</b></p> <p>Peter, Kim, Rebecca Kershaw, Veronika, Eve Robinson, Vicki Pluck, Rebecca Robinson, Tessa Vincent, Kyle Farquhar, Anonymous 7, Lynn &amp; Gerald, Mark Saunders, Neil Pluck, Owen Nuttridge, Jim, C Pearson, Tanya &amp; 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><b>Recommend change:</b></p> <p>Addition of <b>new policy 1</b> to address need for collaboration between authorities.</p>
<p><b>Errata and Corrections</b></p>				
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>Key issues</b></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><b>Recommend change</b></p>	<p>Update to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>The agreement for the regular use of the lake by clubs appears to have expired not to have been formalised.</del></li> </ul>

## 6. Any other comments/feedback

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<b>Richard Mabon</b>		I believe that Reserve Boards, like the reserves they manage, are an asset to this district.	Support noted.
<b>Margaret</b>		Please stop spending and increasing rates. Please consider our families of disabled children.	Request noted. Out of scope of the RMP.
<b>Bev Skates</b> (Litter-Free Ashburton)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• This is an area Litter-Free Ashburton volunteers constantly work on to keep the approach to Ashburton Litter-Free.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	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"> <li>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</li> </ul>	
<b>Contributor 1842</b>		When visiting the area --- all seem satisfactory.	Comment noted.
<b>Hunter</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted. See comment above regarding bark/ softfall. No substantial information provided on what is lacking in kids activities.</p>
<b>Edith Smith</b>		The use of drought resistant native species which are locally sourced should be considered for future planting.	Suggestion noted.
<b>Jonathan Everist</b>		Keep up your mahi, plas.	Support noted.
<p><b>Edith Smith</b></p> <p><i>(comments received on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 as the submitter could no longer attend the hearing)</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan but I would like to congratulate them on the plan.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	

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		<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"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	