



Hororata Reserve **Management Plan**

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Summary

Executive Summary

Hororata Reserve Management Committee (the Committee) has developed this Reserve Management Plan (RMP) for the long term management, development and expenditure planning for Hororata Reserve. The purpose of the Reserve is to provide for;

- recreation and sporting activities,
- the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public,
- the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside,
- an emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities.

The Committee recognises the RMP as a living document that will reflect the changing needs and requirements of the local community.

Summary of Objectives

Administration

Objective 1: To provide efficient and appropriate management and administration of Hororata Reserve for the enjoyment and well-being of all Reserve users.

Objective 2: If a club has an ongoing need for the exclusive use of a building and/or grounds, then this should be recognised through an appropriate lease or licence agreement.

Reserve Use

Objective 3: To provide for a variety of organised and informal recreation activities, and identify opportunities for improvements or expansion of activities, in response to changing community needs and recreation trends.

Objective 4: To ensure the level of service for the existing range of recreational facilities for passive users is maintained, and to identify new opportunities to make improvements in response to changing community needs.

Objective 5: Developments planned for the Reserve will primarily give consideration to the township's recreation long term needs in considering the wider district and regional users.

Objective 6: To ensure that crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles are applied within the Reserve, whilst ensuring the protection of the Reserve's historical character remains the primary objective.

Landscape

Objective 7: To manage, protect and enhance the natural and cultural values of the Reserve for Reserve users.

Objective 8: To protect the existing mature vegetation of high historical significance.

Objective 9: To protect and enhance the indigenous flora and fauna of the Reserve.

Objective 10: To implement a long term-tree and shrub replacement and enhancement strategy.

Services, Structure and Facilities

Objective 11: To ensure a high level of design and maintenance of facilities is provided so that these facilities perform their function effectively for public enjoyment, meet health and safety standards and are accessible for all.

Objective 12: To undertake a disability audit, which is monitored periodically to ensure the Reserve does not inadvertently exclude or disrupt disabled persons, with the goal to provide a 'no exceptions' environment for all to enjoy.

Objective 13: Club facilities will be appropriate for the type and scale of the club activities and will not conflict with Reserve values.

Objective 14: To provide adequate signage to promote public use and enjoyment of the Reserve whilst being sympathetic with the landscape and providing a cohesive branding style.

Objective 15: To enhance the passive recreational experience for visitors through the provision of various facilities and structures.

Objective 16: To provide and maintain any new play equipment to cater for a range of children's ages that is compliant with NZ Standard 5828:2004 "Playground Equipment and Surfacing", and to maintain and continue to monitor all other equipment with the standard that related to the date of its installation.

Objective 17: To provide safe access into the site for vehicles, cyclists, horses and pedestrians whilst minimising impact on users, facilities, amenity values, and the general character of the Reserve.

Objective 18: To provide and maintain fences and gates for the purpose of user security, without impacting on the Reserves amenity values or excluding disabled persons access to the Reserve.

Objective 19: To provide clean, well maintained and conveniently located toilet facilities for Reserve users.

Objective 20: To provide a secure long-term water supply for the Ornamental Lake, recreational usage and irrigation of landscape plantings.

Summary Action Plan

Heading	Task	Action	Budget available	Estimate of Costs	Complete by
Admin.	Income	Explore ways of generating further income, in the format of a 'funding plan' that includes all sources of potential income.	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
	Long Term RMP Review	Committee to undertake a Desktop Reserve Management Plan Review (every 5 years to update and identify changing needs of the community).	Nil	Nil	2015
	Archives	Locate the original black minute book, last given to SDC. Obtain scanned copies of all old minute books in archive with SDC, for ease of accessibility.	Nil	Nil	ASAP
	Lease Agreements	Review current lease/licence agreements where existing and establish new agreements where not current, to ensure consistency and adherence with Policies 2.1 to 2.5. (Potential need for professional legal support in reviewing and preparing lease agreements).	Nil	\$5k	Ongoing
		Facilitate a discussion to hear out the respective aspirations of all the users and lessees of the Reserve, 12 months ahead of any lease renewal processes.	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
		Committee to consider market value of leases where appropriate.	Nil	Nil	Ongoing
Reserve Use	Active and passive recreation	Complete application for funding for the completion of the equestrian course, walking tracks and children's cross country tracks (\$40,000 received).	\$40,000	\$40,000	April 5 th 2008
Landscape	Master Plan	Produce a landscape master plan and guidelines for the Reserve that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifies future development opportunities like the equestrian track - carries out a disabled persons audit (SDC to undertake) - identifies areas for future planting and management (for example woodlot and tree cropping), - incorporates results and recommendations from an arborist report and plan - develops a maintenance programme 	Nil	\$5-8k	2010 Disabled persons assembly group provide this service

	Protection	- develops a Hororata Reserve species list of indigenous and exotic plants ecologically and historically appropriate to this Reserve.			
		Investigate the range of opportunities available for formal protection of historic landscapes and settings. (Especially the Ornamental Lake and surrounding mature trees).	Nil	Nil	2009
	Tree Maintenance	Undertake an arboriculture assessment and seek a programme of replacement integrated with a landscape development plan. - Source propagation material from existing trees and shrubs if appropriate. - Instigate a routine (annual) maintenance inspection. - Short term removal of high-level deadwood/broken limbs/defects through remedial pruning.	Nil	\$2k report plus \$5-10k physical works	2010
	Maintenance	Develop a woodlot management plan that identifies types, ages and harvesting regime for existing woodlots and investigate future tree cropping. Investigate the viability of future woodlots. (Include in Master Plan brief).	Nil	Nil	2009
		Trim roadside vegetation at entranceway to ensure clear visibility for vehicles entering or leaving the Reserve. A current annual practice that is to be continued. To be funded by Reserve Committee Annual Budget.	\$500-\$800	\$500-800	Annually
Services, Structures & Facilities	Club Facilities	Develop a comprehensive development plan for the Tennis Pavilion to address the restoration of the existing building.	Nil	Nil	2011
		General maintenance on Trotting club buildings before painting. To be funded by Reserve Committee Annual Budget.	\$2,300	\$2,300	2009
		Complete painting on all buildings (except Gliding Club aircraft hanger). To be funded by Reserve Committee Annual Budget.	\$4,000	\$4,000	2009
	Signage	Assess existing signage status and outline opportunities for improving branding that improves the cohesiveness and is consistent to the setting. (Include in Master Plan brief).	Nil	Nil	2010
		To investigate naming of central domain area. (Include in Master Plan brief).	Nil	Nil	2010

	Picnic Facilities	To upgrade BBQ area near Tennis Courts	Nil	\$3-5k	2011
	Play Ground	Organise SDC to undertake an assessment of playground equipment safety and action identified issues to provide ongoing compliance.	Nil	Nil	2009
	Car Park	Explore the need for any further car parking in the Millennium Area of the Reserve.	Nil	Nil	2009
	Public Toilets	Undertake a feasibility study, in conjunction with the Hororata District Citizens Association, for the design and location of a public toilet facility	Nil	Nil	2010
	Water	Budget for two 30,000 litre water storage tanks, over the 2007 and 2008 financial years, to upgrade existing concrete tanks in the trotting area.	Unknown	Unknown	2009
		Research funding options and Resource Consent requirements for a new well to service the Ornamental Lake, to ensure its viability after the water race closes.	Nil	\$2-5k	2009

While the Committee has signalled its intention of maintenance and improvements within the “Action Plan” these are subject to the Committee and/or Council being able to source funding within their long-term financial planning strategies.



Equestrian Event

Introduction

Purpose of the Reserve Management Plan

A Reserve Management Plan (RMP) provides a vision for future management, development and expenditure for a particular Reserve. The Reserves Act 1977 requires Selwyn District Council (SDC) to prepare RMP's for all land classified as 'Recreation Reserves' under Council management or control. Hororata Reserve Management Committee (the Committee) act under the delegated authority of the SDC as the administrators of Hororata Reserve.

The Reserves Act 1977 (Section 41) states;

“The Management Plan shall **provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation**, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, the **development**, as appropriate, of the Reserve for the purpose for which it is classified...”

Hororata Reserve is classified as a **Recreation Reserve** and Section 17 of the Reserves Act states that recreation Reserves are areas to provide:

“**For the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities...**”
In addition: “**The public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve.**”

This management plan outlines the Council's general intentions for the use, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of the Hororata Recreation Reserve through a series of objectives and policies. The objectives and policies set parameters to aid decision making regarding development and use of the Reserve, highlighting items that need further consideration (for example weed control, stormwater management) and often include suggestions for various works or improvements (for example, signage, more parking).

It is hoped that the ideas, objectives and policies in this plan will provide a clear, logical and exciting strategy, providing operational resolution of any outstanding issues, and through public involvement, reflect a consensus of opinion on the future of the Hororata Reserve.

Reserve Management Plan Procedure



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The Reserves Act 1977 defines the procedure for preparing RMP's (see diagram to the left). Once adopted, the RMP can be reviewed at any time to adapt to changing circumstances. The Committee will undertake a desktop review of the RMP at 5 year intervals, to ensure that the Plan remains current. Any changes will be subject to SDC approval. This review process is provided for within the Reserves Act.

Management Plan Preparation

Opus International Consultants were engaged by SDC to work with the Committee to help prepare the Draft RMP. Previous consultation information was used as background for this Management Plan. A broad survey of the local Hororata community was conducted by the Committee. Refer to Appendix Three – Community Consultation Survey Results.

Implementation – Action Plan

While the Committee has signalled its intentions for maintenance and improvements within the “Action Plan”, these are subject to the Committee and/or SDC being able to source funding from within their long-term financial planning strategies. This ability to source funding may mean that proposed work may not occur for many years, or in some cases, may be deleted entirely by a consequence of future review.

Statutory Context

This RMP will provide the direction for the ongoing day-to-day development and management of the Reserve. At the same time activities and the development of reserve land remain subject to other legislation, Council policy and bylaws.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) provides an overall direction in terms of sustainable management.

The District Plan, prepared under the provisions of the RMA, provides objectives, policies and rules relevant to reserve management.

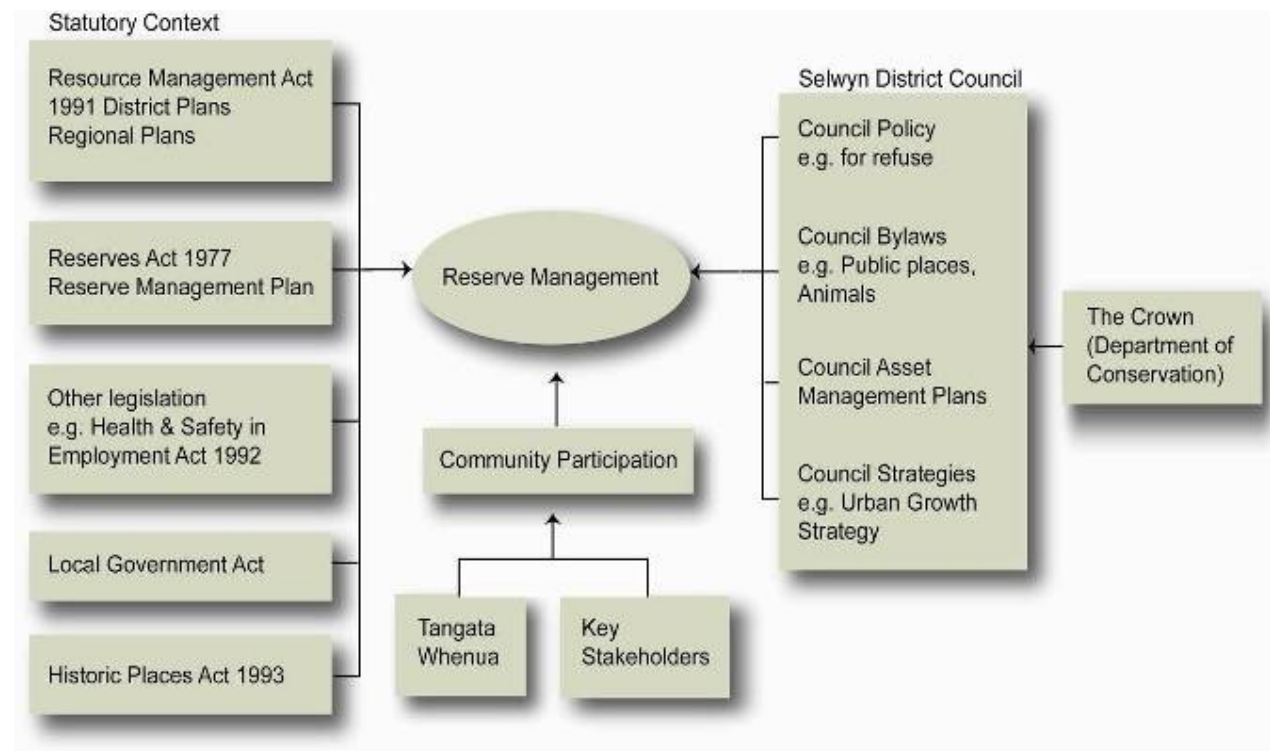
The RMP can not be inconsistent with the RMA or District Plan. This RMP has been developed with consideration to the following key SDC documents:

LTCCP - Long Term Council Community Plan, a plan that sets out Councils planning, priorities and financial programming for the next 10 years. Reserve Action Plans may feed into LTCCP Activity Plans, if they are significant in value. LTCCP Activity Plans describe the activity; what it involves; its goals and actions required to achieve the goals.

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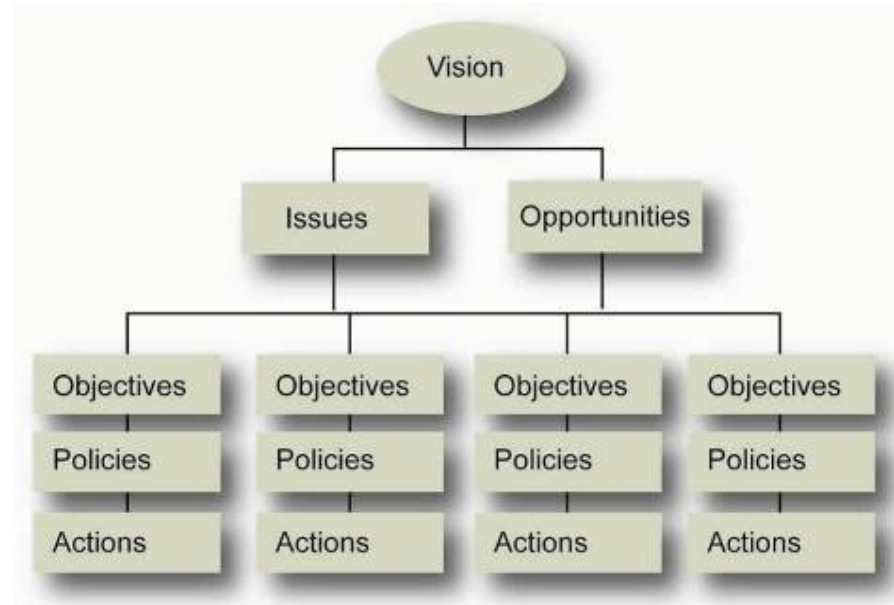
Statutory, Local Authority and Community Context for Reserve Management Plans

The following diagram details the statutory context for the RMP and the linkages to community consultation.



How to use this Reserve Management Plan

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Vision

The vision identifies key themes and ideas that are important to the local community. It provides guidance for development and management to ensure the overall natural and cultural identity and recreational requirements are recognised and maintained over the long-term.

Issues and Opportunities

Identifies issues and opportunities specific to this Reserve and provides cues for developing appropriate Objectives, Policy and Actions.

Objectives

Provide a succinct statement on the principle aims of management. These generally cover aspects such as preservation, conservation, function, character, use, development and integrity.

Policies

Statements to aid decision making and to help provide solutions to problems.

Actions

Actions are the “To Do List” with individual items outlined, i.e. the what, who and when.



View across the Gliding Club field

Context & Resource Section

Location and Ownership

Hororata Reserve occupies 92.0154 hectares of land linking the Hororata Township with St John's Church on Hororata Road. Thwaits Road bounds its northern end with farmland on the eastern boundary. Lifestyle blocks, an engineering workshop and a salmon processing plant neighbour the Reserve along Hororata Road to the St John's Church.

Hororata Reserve is owned by The Crown and vested in trust with Selwyn District Council.

Legal Description

Reserve 2217	61.3099 ha
<u>Reserve 1589</u>	<u>30.7055 ha</u>
Total	92.0154 ha

Refer to Appendix One - Figure 2 Cadastral Information.

No heritage sites or trees are identified in the Selwyn Proposed District Plan.

No Archaeological sites are registered with the New Zealand Archaeological Assessment Site Record File.

Designations: D188 – Recreational Reserve (SDC Authority Responsible)

Classification (Reserves Act 1977)

All land is classified as Recreational Reserve under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

Refer to Appendix Two – Hororata Reserve Gazette Information.

History

It is understood that in 1877 the late Sir John Hall, on the winding up of the Bealey Estate, gifted the Hororata Reserve to the citizens of Hororata. An interim Reserve Board was formed at a public meeting held in the Hororata School on July 14th 1877. The first Hororata Domain Board was



Mural of Hororata Township on the Public Toilets beside the car park and playground.

elected at a public meeting on February 27th 1878. From eight nominees, Sir John Hall, and Messrs Fountain, Cordy,

Thwaites, and Digby were elected. Mr. Fountain was subsequently elected the first Chairman of the Domain Board.

Initially, the Domain consisted only of section No.18164 (the Domain and the Racecourse), but at the request of local residents the Regional Government vested section 2217. In 1878 the Gazette contained an Order in Council bringing the Hororata Recreation Grounds under the Public Domains Act 1860 and the first meeting of the Board was held on the 6th May 1878.

The land is owned by the Department of Conservation. In 1878 the power to manage the Reserve was transferred to the Hororata Domain Board. After the local-government reorganisation in 1989 the board, which was previously answerable to the Lands and Survey Department, came under the aegis of the newly formed Selwyn District Council (through the amalgamation of the then Malvern, Ellesmere and Paparua County Councils).

In the Domain Boards first year the board engaged local labour to plant 5858 trees, but with a succession of dry years and a fire the plantations were destroyed. Section 2217 was first tendered for cultivation in June 1878 but there were no successful tenders and it was 3 years later that it was leased to Mr. Brown. Since then the area has been leased out to local farmers.

The first meeting was held on this track in 1884. The first formal lease was granted to the Hororata Racing Club in 1885. In 1897 the Hororata Cycling Club built a track in the domain near where the Scout Den is today. In 1905 the ornamental gates at the main entrance were erected and a decision to create an Ornamental Lake was made.

Tennis courts were laid in 1910, and the pavilion built in 1921 and rebuilt after a fire in 1924.

Hororata Township & Context

The Reserve is an important recreational asset for Hororata Township. The townships of Coalgate, Glentunnel and Whitecliffs are all in close proximity. Darfield is the largest town within 21km of the Reserve with an estimated population of 1488, based on 2006 Census data. The only Reserve of comparable size to Hororata within 12km is the Glentunnel Domain. Glentunnel Domain hosts a rugby/cricket ground and a managed camping ground. Other recreational facilities in close proximity include The Hororata Golf Club (Glentunnel) and a camping ground (Whitecliffs). There is a Community Hall on Hororata Road opposite the Reserve.



Trotting Club Stables

It is estimated that the current township population is approximately 327, based on 2006 Census data. The projected population is expected to increase in the next ten years. An added effect to the growth in the township area will come from subdivision of farmland down to 4 ha. These growth projections will add pressure on Reserve usage.

Small passive reserves will be part of some subdivisions in the township but for organised sport using larger facilities e.g. courts and playing fields, Hororata Reserve will be the venue.

Major recreational and tourist destinations in the region include Mt Hutt Ski Field, Rakaia Gorge, Terrace Downs Golf Course, Lake Coleridge and Inland Scenic Highway.

A walkway designed to link the Reserve with the Hororata Township is almost complete. Once finished the Committee hopes to enhance it with additional exotic and indigenous plantings. The Committee are also looking at a connection between the Reserve and St John's Church.

Administration

The Reserve is administered and managed by the Hororata Reserve Management Committee, under the delegated authority of SDC. The Committee operates under the Reserves Act and Local Government Act, including Council's Standing Orders. Council Policy specifically defines the role of all reserve management committees.

The Committee is elected for a three-year term with community nominations sought at the time of the triennial local body elections. The current Committee was elected in December 2008. The Committee consists of not less than five and not more than nine elected community representatives. In addition, a SDC or/Community Board member is appointed to the Committee.

The delegated authority enables the Committee to manage the facilities freely within the parameters of Council Policy and commonsense. There are times when Council may become involved in particular management issues and where possible it does so to assist the Committee rather than to direct it.

The functions of the Committee are for the efficient governance and management of the Reserve for the purposes of: use, development, enjoyment, maintenance, and preservation.



Gliding Club

Local Government Act 2002 (LGA)

Consultation - As a requirement under the LGA, the Committee will consult with the community regarding on-going development of the Reserve and where issues develop outside this Management Plan.

Approval for specific events - Under the LGA and in accordance with the appropriate “notice of intention”, the Committee may permit sole use for any part or a designated area for an approved purpose or activity and restrict community use for the duration of that purpose or activity.

Meeting matters - The LGA requires that the Committee has the agenda available 3 days prior to each meeting. The Act also indicates that unless a meeting is held “in committee” the community is able to attend. The minutes or report of the meeting should be released to the public within 5 days of the meeting.

Financial Management and Rates

As a delegated committee of the SDC, the Committee’s expenditure/revenue accounts form part of the Council’s Annual Plan and Budget process. All financial matters once confirmed, and minuted by the Committee are enacted by the Council’s Asset Management and Corporate Services Unit.

Current sources of income:

- SDC’s Annual Plan sets a Reserve rate of \$22.50 annually from 299 local rateable properties totalling \$6,728.00, but will increase with current and predicted growth. (The Committee can request an increase in these rates subject to appropriate community consultation and the annual rate is confirmed in the Council’s Annual Plan and Budget)
- clubs pay annual rental to the Committee that total \$2,174 pa (excl GST)
- income is also generated through farming leases (\$5,060 per annum) and woodlot tree crops.

An average yearly income of about \$14,000 restricts progress on the Reserve. It is intended to explore opportunities for additional income sources in this plan.



Tennis courts

The Committee's current financial practice is to, annually assess its Asset Management Plan, consider its total income and the needs of reserve users and the annual maintenance required, and forward its budget to Council each year prior to Christmas.

All Committee members give their time and, in some instances, equipment free of charge. The Committee employs a part - time maintenance person.

Existing Leases

Generally the Reserve is open and available for the use and enjoyment of all with a range of specific spaces that can be leased or booked for people or groups with specific needs. It is intended to reassess the market value of leases, where this is considered appropriate.

It is the intention of the Committee to ensure that all existing clubs have formal leases for continued certainty of tenure.

- Canterbury Gliding Club (CGC) has a formal lease to occupy approximately 18.6 ha comprising public gliding field, hanger and pavilion. The current lease is for 30 years commencing 1st January 1981 and expiring 31st December 2010.

The Committee will negotiate the renewal of the Gliding Club lease for a term consistent with other reserve leases. Recommended actions, with a view to limit the scale and intensity of gliding activity, are listed under Policy 2.2 (p.27).

- Trotting Club has a formal lease to occupy 9.3077 acres comprising training track and associated buildings. The lease is for 3 years commencing 30th December 2005 and expiring 31st December 2008. A lease review is currently being negotiated.
- R.J. Parsons Licence to farm has a formal lease to occupy 29.4 ha (located within Res 2217) and 17.8 ha (located within Res 1589). The lease is for 3 years commencing 1st July 2008 and expiring 30th June 2011.

Formal lease arrangements are required for the Hororata Tennis and Netball Club, Hororata Rifle Club and Hororata Scouts Club. Rental (if any) for these facilities will be nominal and based on the ability to pay.



Ornamental Lake



Equestrian Event

Reserve Use

Club Sporting Activities

Current clubs operating out of the Reserve are:

Hororata Cubs and Scouts Club – established in 1954, currently 21 members. A number of camps are held here throughout the year. The Committee is currently helping to maintain the building.

Hororata Netball Club – established before 1964, currently 41 registered players. There is insufficient night lighting for evening training.

Hororata Tennis Club – established in 1910, currently 20 members. There are sufficient courts for their current needs.

Canterbury Gliding Club – established in 1948 and has been in Hororata since 1969, currently approximately 100 members and 40 active members. Located at the northern end of the Reserve who carry out regular flying all year round. There has been conflict with a number of local residents over recent years with the increased use of the Gliding club after the closure of Wigram Airfield.

Hororata Rifle Club – established 1900's, currently 15 members.

Hororata Trotting Club – established 1884, currently 60 members. The track is currently used for Summer workouts and once a year for Trophy Day, which has huge community support. The track is not up to racing standard and the club currently holds its races at Addington Raceway.

Informal Recreation

The scenic qualities of the Reserve especially the central planting area, Ornamental Lake and Millennium area, provide an attractive setting for many informal recreational activities and is an important characteristic of the Reserve. This is an area that is increasing in use. Informal recreational users of the Reserve include:

- AA caravan club often have an annual rally in the Reserve
- community based events, for example Plunket Christmas Event, School Gala
- walking/jogging, walking dogs
- a children's playground beside the Tennis/Netball courts
- picnic area (beside the Millennium Garden)
- lake area (including ice skating and kayaking)
- tennis
- photography area



Ornamental Lake



Racecourse

- equestrian activities
- BMX riding

Plans are being developed to establish and promote a number of new activities within the Reserve.

- A proposal for an Equestrian Course that can be used for; an equestrian cross country course, children's cross country, and walking tracks, providing a link from Hororata Township to St Johns Church. An estimate for installation has been completed. The Committee have acquired \$40,000 through funding sources. The equestrian course will help generate income with riders contributing \$5 per event and the course being marketed to Pony and Riding Clubs throughout Canterbury. Refer to Appendix One, Figure 4 Hororata Reserve Proposed Walking and Cross-Country Track
- The Gala Day has been an extremely successful event in past years and the Committee are looking to stage this as an annual event.

Informal Use of Airfield

The airfield is presently used informally for Agricultural purposes. This use is to be reviewed in consideration of legal implications.

Landscape

Geology, Topography & Soils

Located 600m above sea level the Hororata Reserve sits on gently undulating, well drained land that can be at risk from wind erosion and can be subject to seasonal drought. The soils are dark greyish brown in colour and are classified as Hororata Stony Silt Loam and Shallow Silt Loam. Rainfall 28-30 inches (711 – 762mm) annum. The ground water table is approximately 6-7m below ground level (ECAN Web GIS).

Landscape Character

The dominant features within the Reserve are the vast open pasture lands, the enclosed central heritage area and the recent amenity area (Millennium Garden). Open pasture land covers a large portion of the Reserve, including the Gliding Club fields and Trotting Club racetrack. Shelter belts and forestry blocks edge some boundary areas. The Trotting Club has clusters of utility buildings and several mature oak trees.



Millennium Garden



Racecourse

The enclosed central heritage area has dense mature exotic trees that were planted in 1877. The ornamental gates, lake and planting of 50 rhododendrons were done between 1905 and 1917, and are highly valued by the community. The Commemorative Walkway, Ornamental Lake (originally designed for ice-skating) and Tennis Pavilion are 'hidden treasures' that contribute to the areas character and are what makes Hororata Reserve so unique. The Millennium Garden continues the heritage area planting theme with new plantings of rhododendron's. This area connects the Reserve with the road and township. There are picnic tables, formed walkways, an information kiosk and imaginative entrance gates that are formed from horse shoes, old wheel rims and tools.

No remnant indigenous vegetation exists onsite. Remnant native vegetation in the area is classified as L3 Upper Plains Land Type region (Lynn, 1993). Species listed are short tussock, grassland, kowhai, matagouri, and kanuka scrub, beech and mixed podocarp hardwood forest.

Existing Vegetation

Ornamental Plantings

Close to the Hororata Township a Millennium garden and picnic area has been created. This features unique iron gates grafted from local historical memorabilia, a day shelter, picnic area and gardens that feature a large collection of rhododendrons. This area is well maintained and growing well.

Throughout the racecourse, tennis court and ornamental lake areas are plantings of exotic trees. These include English Oak, Birch, Douglas Fir, Spruce, Cypress and Redwoods. Most are in good condition and many are excellent noteworthy mature specimens. Younger trees planted include kowhai, NZ beech, pittosporum, pin oak and ash. The Committee has a policy of continuing maintenance of its trees. This is carried out by voluntary labour. The douglas fir and redwoods would be affected if the Ornamental Lake was ever removed, as these trees rely on the water.

Woodlots/Plantations

Woodlots were originally established for income generation, but also provide the Reserve with shelter. Past and current management has been on a year to year basis.

Recommendations by Les Hurford (SPB) and M Halliday, in a report 28 June 2005.

1. Thwaites Road: Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) - This mature stand is ready to fell as soon as the market firms. Recommend replanting with *Pinus radiata*.
2. Thwaites Road: *Pinus radiata* - Burford/Halliday describe these as low pruned and growing well



Tennis Pavilion and Courts

3. East End of Ornamental Lake: *Cypress macrocarpa* – Report that these as poor commercial specimens and suggest thinning and under planting as an amenity area.

4. South East Corner Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* and *Pinus radiata*) - Douglas Fir has wind damaged and only useful as shelter and for aesthetic value. Pines in good condition. Recommend pruning and thinning. This is underway.

5. South Boundary: *Pinus radiata* - Growing well.

6. North of Ornamental Lake: *Pinus radiata*, a small stand of pines reported to be growing well.

Native Flora and Fauna

Although individual specimens of native trees are growing throughout the Reserve no remnant/naturalised plantings exist. Native birds seen on the Reserve include Bellbird, Pukeko and Fantail.

Refer to Appendix One, Figure 5 Hororata Reserve Proposed Native Corridor Planting Plan

Services, Structures & Facilities

Club Facilities

The various clubs using the Reserve provide assorted buildings, sporting facilities and car parking for its members. There are several buildings currently within the Reserve: The Hororata Tennis Pavilion, Gliding Hanger and Clubroom, Scout Den, Rifle Range, Trotting Club stand, horse stall and public toilets.

A 1920's style tennis pavilion graces the edge of two tennis courts with adjacent netball/tennis courts across the trotting track. A children's play area has been developed alongside the tennis courts and proves to be very popular.

Public toilets are located centrally beside the tennis courts and playground. They are constructed of painted concrete block walls, corrugated iron roof with a painted mural on the back wall. The toilets need to be upgraded and internal refurbishment is required. There are also public toilets at the Trotting club.

The clubs are responsible for the maintenance, upgrades, and building and contents insurance of their own assets, with the Committee generally being responsible for infrastructure and common areas of the reserve such as car parking. The Committee employ a caretaker to maintain the Reserve grounds.

Currently the clubs liaise with the Committee to ensure maintenance and development of these facilities is to an acceptable standard to ensure compliance with all regulations and statutes. The Committee financially support clubs who, by their own strength, raise funds and develop their facilities without requiring significant contributions from the Committee, as the Committees operating budgets are limited.

The Committee may seek advice and assistance from the Council regarding the provision of all facilities within the Reserve. With the agreement of the SDC the provision of new facilities or the upgrading of existing ones may be included in the Councils long term budget plan as part of the LTCCP process.



Canterbury Gliding Club Hanger



Trotting Club Steward's Stand

Buildings and Assets

Owner and/or Manager	Asset Descriptions
Hororata Netball and Tennis Club	Tennis / netball courts (resurfacing every 10yrs)
	Tennis / netball courts lighting?
Hororata Tennis Club	Tennis / netball pavilion (83m2)
Canterbury Gliding Club	Canterbury Gliding fields
	Canterbury Gliding Club Hanger (387m2) and Sliding Fuel Store (6m2)
Hororata Trotting Club	Trotting Club Stewards Stand (90m2)
	Trotting Club Administration Building (61m2) Men's & Woman's toilets (40m2) & Men's Urinal (42m2) Three Horse Stalls total (532m2)
	Trotting Club Track
Hororata Rifle Club	Rifle Club (264m2)
Hororata Reserve Management Committee	Rogers Hay Shed (200m2)
	Playground (320m2)
	Scout Den (140m2)
	Ornamental Lake
	Car Parking
	Seating and tables
	Public Toilets (25m2)
	Airfield
	Drainage (culverts/sumps/pipes)
	Water Tanks



Information Kiosk in Millennium Garden



Entrance into Trotting Club

Signs & Visitor Information

There are a range of existing signs within the Reserve:

- information Kiosk at the southern end of the Reserve, including a District Guide Map, Topographical and Street Map
- “Hororata Reserve Picnic Area” wooden sign and a “No dog droppings please” sign
- “Hororata Domain & Ornamental Lake” sign at the entrance to the Avenue planting and the entrance to the playground
- “Commemorative Walkway” rustic wooden sign
- Painted mural of the area on the back of the public toilet block
- “Hororata Airfield” sign for the Canterbury Gliding Club (new)

There is a lack of consistency and theme to unify the Reserve. Developing a design palette to guide future signs will improve the coherence and branding for the Reserve. For example, the colour scheme could be based on Hororata club colours.

Car Parking and Access

There are five formal vehicle access points into the Reserve along Hororata Road.

The Gliding Club has its own separate entrance gateway. Extensive parking is provided for within the surrounding paddocks. Signage indicates informal grass parking areas.

Red ornate gates and a long tree-lined avenue leads to the tennis courts, tennis pavilion, children’s playground, Ornamental Lake, picnic area and public toilets. An informal gravel car park is located beside the playground and public toilets, and holds approximately 20 vehicles.

Two separate dual lane gateways provide access to the racecourse. Most of the Reserve buildings are situated in this area including Scouts, Trotting Club, and Rifle Club. While there is no formal gravel parking here, organised parking throughout this outer track area could accommodate 200-300 vehicles, with several hundred more vehicles on the inside of the trotting track.

There is a pedestrian access point to the racecourse Millennium Area, close to the Hororata Township.

Airfield

An operational airfield, established by the local community, is used for gliding activities and informally for agricultural aviation.



Entrance into Tennis and Playground



Entrance into Millennium Gardens

Fences & Gates

The netball/tennis courts have a high chain link fence at either end of the courts. This is maintained by the Tennis Club. The playground area has a stained wooden fence around its perimeter. Farm fencing surrounds the entire Reserve.

The entrance into the Tennis and playground area has an ornate wrought iron fence.

The two main entrances into the Trotting Club and Scouts Den have low and wide entrances.

The pedestrian entrance into the Millennium Gardens has a creatively constructed wrought iron gate constructed from old farm tools.

Children's Playground

A playground with a rocking horse, swings and small fort and slide have a timber edging and bark mulch soft fall. The playground was recently upgraded by Plunket. The playground's current location is in response to the close proximity to the tennis and netball courts and shelter it receives from the north-westerly winds.

Water Supply

Water supply is by the Selwyn District reticulated Rural Water Supply. Currently 17,000 litres per day (17 units) are allocated to the Reserve. Existing rural water supply is sufficient for the Reserves needs at present. The supply is fed into concrete tanks in the Trotting Club area. All tanks are in poor condition and should be replaced to avoid water wastage.

Existing storage tanks;

- 1 plastic tank beside Ornamental Lake (new plastic tank, 25,000 litre)
- 2 tanks on stands and 1 tank on ground in the trotting club area (concrete, require replacement)
- 1 tank on Reserve 2217 Rogers Paddocks (concrete, 5,000 litre).

Additional water supply and systems will be required to keep the Ornamental Lake clean and functioning when the existing water race is closed. The Committee are currently looking at a new well to service the Ornamental Lakes long-term water requirements.



Commemorative Walkway



Existing water race feeding Ornamental Lake will be closed.

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Consultation

Community Consultation

Community Consultation Survey 2005

An initial survey took place in August 2005. All rateable households in Hororata along with other interest groups and individuals were asked to identify concerns, offer solutions and express ideas for the future use of the Reserve. There was an excellent response with 93 surveys returned (from 300 distributed). For a full breakdown of the results see Appendix Four. The Reserve's overall rating was "acceptable" with landscape maintenance "ok" and racecourse maintenance "ok to poor".

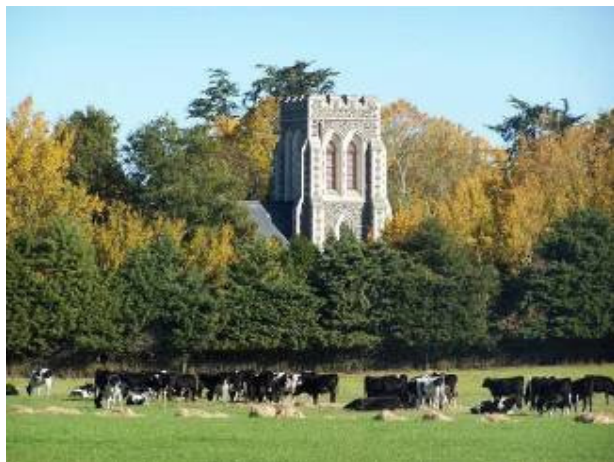
Reasons why people used the Reserve were for; peace and quiet (23%), sports (20%), walking (20%), exercising pets (14%), biking (11%) and picnicking and BBQ (10%). Improving the water quality of the Ornamental Lake was a supported issue in the responses.

Proposed Ideas

- more landscape areas
- upgrade of public toilets
- upgrade of existing Ornamental Lake
- more walking tracks and picnic areas
- camping and caravan area
- upgrade racecourse

Issues and Opportunities

- improve Ornamental Lake water quality and upgrade the area and source an alternative water supply for the Ornamental Lake
- support for increasing revenue was as follows 35% for farming, 21% woodlots, 17% rates increase, 13% sale and 14% other
- improved racecourse maintenance



St John's Church

- improvement of the following areas were noted; picnic areas, walking track, parking, and the existing Ornamental Lake
- some residents had issues with Gliding as an appropriate activity for the Reserve
- would like to see a review of the height restrictions and ultimately the height restrictions removed (see page 51).

Community Consultation 2007

A Council Call article in April 2007 asked for the public to make contact if there were any pressing issues they wished to raise. There were no responses to this.

Formal Consultation 2009

Further suggestions on reserve development were made through submissions received on the draft Plan during formal public consultation, June - August 2009. Proposed ideas included;

- upgraded picnic area (with pizza ovens)
- wetland area (through use of the water race)
- walking and biking tracks
- specimen tree plantings (option of donated & named family trees)
- an area for model planes
- golf driving range

Key Interest Groups Consultation

Hororata Reserve Management Committee has met to discuss the issues and opportunities for the Reserve, within the context of developing the Management Plan. The Committee also had a meeting with Opus International Consultants and brainstormed issues and opportunities facing the Reserve.

Proposed Ideas

- equestrian course
- encouraging stronger links to St John's Church



Gliding Club amenity area

Issues and Opportunities

- impacts of closure of water race on the Ornamental Lake. The Ornamental Lake is seen as the Reserve's biggest asset and biggest problem
- preserving the existing character of the Millennium Area
- replacement or restoration of Tennis Pavilion and other historical buildings of note on the Reserve
- further development of the Reserve for informal recreation like picnicking and community events
- finding a solution between Canterbury Gliding Club and residents opposed to existing activities

Vision for the Reserve

The vision for the development and management of the Reserve is to **provide a tranquil setting for community activities** and for **visitors to enjoy**. To ensure the **physical welfare and enjoyment of the community** through providing a top quality **recreational and sporting facility**. The Reserve is highly valued locally and within the **broader district** as a **multi purpose recreational facility**.

To manage the existing assets while **exploring new opportunities** to further develop the Reserve.

Balancing predicted future growth and the associated pressures on the Reserve, with the **protection of the natural and historical environment** and **preservation of open spaces**.



Access to Rifle Club

Objectives, Policies & Actions Section

General Statement

The decision-making process of the Committee is a blend of reviewing historic information and forward planning. The Committee is aware of changes in demand and usage within the Reserve. As population growth occurs in the region, the Committee recognises the need to provide for increased demand for both passive and active recreation within the Reserve. This may include new facilities and activities as well as links within and between the Township and Reserve.

Management Goals

Provide areas for both informal recreation and club sport activities which are compatible with the environmental values of the Reserve whilst minimizing conflicts between users. Protect and enhance the historical and environmental values of the Reserve's unique landscape.

Administration

Objective 1: To provide efficient and appropriate management and administration of Hororata Reserve for the enjoyment and well-being of all Reserve users.

Policy 1.1: Hororata Reserve shall be administered under the daily control of the Hororata Reserve Management Committee (Committee).

Policy 1.2: Representation of elected members to the Hororata Reserve Management Committee shall be as per Council Policy.

Policy 1.3: A desktop review of the Reserve Management Plan shall be undertaken, by the Committee, every five years to keep the plan current and respond to the changing needs of the community.

Policy 1.4: Community consultation processes will be utilised when planning developments, to ensure that expenditure is well supported.

Policy 1.5: Capital and development works and associated expenditure programmes identified in this plan are incorporated into Activity Management Plans where appropriate and submitted for consideration as part of the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) process.



Trotting Club Stables



Policy 1.6: That the annual Reserve rate set by SDC fairly reflects the cost of maintaining and improving facilities which the community desires and the Council approves.

Policy 1.7: That the Council recognises the expenditure programmed in the Hororata Asset Management Plan and RMP when accessing contributions from developers within Hororata Township.

Comment: As the Hororata population increases, requests for new and improved facilities will be generated from the community. Prudent planning should be in place to create a cash fund to enable the Reserve and Township Committees to action future requests.

Action: Explore ways of generating further income, in the format of a 'funding plan' that includes all sources of potential income.

Action: Committee to undertake a Desktop RMP Review (every 5 years to update and identify changing needs of the community).

Policy 1.8: Protect and ensure the preservation of local historical information, for example, original minute book.

Action: Locate the original black minute book, last given to SDC. Obtain scanned copies of all old minute books in archive with SDC, for ease of accessibility.

Objective 2: If a club has an ongoing need for the exclusive use of a building and/or grounds, then this should be recognised through an appropriate lease or licence agreement.

Policy 2.1: Lease/licence agreements will include conditions to ensure the recreational, cultural and aesthetic values of the Reserve are protected and enhanced.

Policy 2.2: The Committee will consider negotiation of the renewal of the Gliding Club lease for a term consistent with other reserve leases. As a guide, the following actions are recommended to reduce the scale and intensity of gliding activities on the reserve;

- greater use of a winch in favourable weather conditions is encouraged as a mitigation measure
- a significant reduction in the number of operational flying days per year may be negotiated
- a report to be forwarded to the Reserve Committee, showing monthly flight frequency as recorded in CAA log of flights.
- level of activity may not equate to a reduction in the value of the lease.



Gliding



Gala Day

Policy 2.3: The type and number of clubs will be managed to ensure the maximum enjoyment of the Reserve by the lessees, whilst both minimising conflict with other users and protecting the existing values of the Reserve.

Policy 2.4: The Committee will continually monitor club activities to ensure lease conditions are adhered to.

Policy 2.5: All leasing and sub-leasing by individual clubs shall be approved by the Committee prior to final approval by Council.

Action: Review current lease agreements where existing and establish new lease agreements where not current, to ensure consistency and adherence with Policies 2.1 - 2.5. (Potential need for professional legal support in reviewing and preparing lease agreements).

Action: Facilitate a discussion to hear out the respective aspirations of all the users and lessees of the Reserve, 12 months ahead of any lease renewal processes.

Action: Committee to consider market value of leases where appropriate.

Policy 2.6: An effective community consultation process will be followed when any leases for new activities are applied for, to ensure long term community recreation requirements are provided for.

Comment: This process is not necessary for existing activities applying for leases, for example tennis and scouts.

Reserve Use

Objective 3: To provide for a variety of organised and informal recreation activities, and identify opportunities for improvements or expansion of activities in response to changing community needs and recreation trends.

Policy 3.1: Maintain, enhance and develop the range of informal and organised recreation opportunities within the Reserve.

Maintain and provide appropriate locations for;

- netball, tennis, trotting, rifle shooting cubs and scouts,
- children's play area, walking, picnicking, caravan club, kite flying, equestrian events and school cross-country.



Commemorative Walkway



Picnic Area south end of Reserve

Policy 3.2: Provide for a variety of recreational activities while respecting the needs and values of all reserve users.

Policy 3.3: Gliding use of the reserve may be reduced in consideration of actions listed in Policy 2.2 above, and through the lease agreement review.

Policy 3.4: Continue to investigate opportunities for additional recreational opportunities within the Reserve.

Action: Complete application for funding for the completion of the equestrian course, walking tracks and children's cross country tracks (\$40,000 received).

Policy 3.5: Permit exercising of dogs within an approved area and within context of SDC Bylaws.

Objective 4: To ensure the level of service for the existing range of recreational facilities for passive users is maintained, and to identify new opportunities to make improvements in response to changing community needs.

Policy 4.1: Encourage short-term special events (for example temporary carnivals and events) subject to the Council's discretion.

- significant activities must apply for written permission for the event including provisions made for ablutions, health and safety, traffic management, car parking, noise and refuse.
- there must be full compliance with all Council permit conditions allowing the short-term special event.

Objective 5: Developments planned for the Reserve will primarily give consideration to the township's long-term recreation needs in considering the wider district and regional users.

Policy 5.1: Support the development of the pedestrian linkage from Hororata Township and St John's Church to the Reserve and consider options for broader connections with future local Reserves.

See Policies 1.4 & 1.5



Picnic Area – newly planted rhododendrons



Ornamental Lake – island planting

Objective 6: To ensure that crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles are applied within the Reserve, whilst ensuring the protection of the Reserve's historical character remains the primary objective.

Landscape

Objective 7: To manage, protect and enhance the natural and cultural values of the Reserve for reserve users.

Policy 7.1: Retain, maintain and develop the vegetation within the Reserve with consideration of function, site conditions and landscape character.

- provide sufficient shade and shelter for reserve users
- encourage use of eco-sourced indigenous planting
- enhance wildlife habitat where practical
- continue with the planting and maintenance of cash tree crops as a source of income.

Policy 7.2: Design and develop a Hororata Reserve plant species list as a guide for future planting choices, so as to retain and enhance the character of the existing historical and indigenous planting.

Action: Produce a landscape master plan and guidelines for the Reserve that;

- identifies future development opportunities like the equestrian track
- carries out a disabled persons audit (SDC to undertake)
- identifies areas for future planting and management (for example, woodlot and tree cropping)
- incorporates results and recommendations from an arborist report and plan
- develops a maintenance programme
- develops a Hororata Reserve species list of indigenous and exotic plants ecologically and historically appropriate to this Reserve

Objective 8: To protect the existing mature vegetation of high historical significance.

Policy 8.1: Protect and enhance the Ornamental Lake area.



Tennis Pavilion



Scout Den

Action: Investigate the range of opportunities available for formal protection of historic landscapes and settings. (Especially the Ornamental Lake and surrounding mature trees).

Objective 9: To protect and enhance the indigenous flora and fauna of the Reserve.

Policy 9.1: Develop a native corridor around the perimeter of the Reserve.

Objective 10: To implement a long-term tree and shrub planting and replacement strategy.

Policy 10.1: Manage and retain existing trees except where removal is required due to safety issues.

Policy 10.2: Initiate long term planning and planting for older tree replacement planting.

Policy 10.3: Utilise local experienced personal to facilitate tree maintenance and replacement programme.

Action: Undertake an arboriculture assessment and seek a programme of replacement, integrated with a landscape development plan.

- Source propagation material from existing trees if appropriate.
- Instigate a routine (annual) maintenance inspection.
- Short-term removal of a high level deadwood/broken limbs/defects through remedial pruning.

Action: Develop a woodlot management plan that identifies types, ages and harvesting regime for existing woodlots and investigate future tree cropping. Investigate the viability of future woodlots. (Include in Master Plan brief).

Policy 10.4: Maintain clear sightlines from Reserve vehicle entrance points.

Action: Trim roadside vegetation at entranceway to ensure clear visibility for vehicles entering or leaving the Reserve. A current annual practice that is to be continued. To be funded by Reserve Committee Annual Budget.

Policy 10.5: Establish a programme to control pest plants listed in the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Strategy 2005-2015, Environment Canterbury.



Entrance into Tennis and Playground Area



Playground

Services, Structures & Facilities

Objective 11: To ensure a high level of design and maintenance of facilities is provided so that these facilities perform their function effectively for public enjoyment and meet health and safety standards.

Action: Develop a comprehensive development plan for the Tennis Pavilion to address the restoration of the existing building.

Action: General maintenance on Trotting Club buildings before painting, funded by Reserve Committee Annual Budget.

Action: Complete painting on all buildings (except Gliding Club aircraft hanger) funded by Reserve Committee Annual Budget.

Objective 12: To undertake a disability audit, which is monitored periodically to ensure the Reserve does not inadvertently exclude or disrupt disabled persons, with the goal to provide a 'no exceptions' environment for all to enjoy.

Policy 12.1: Periodically undertake a disability audit to ensure the Reserve does not inadvertently exclude disabled persons. (Seek assistance from SDC when required).

Objective 13: Club facilities will be appropriate for the type and scale of the club activities and will not conflict with Reserve values.

Policy 13.1: Support clubs financially operating within the Reserve when upgrades or enhancements are being planned.

Objective 14: To provide adequate signage to promote public use and enjoyment of the Reserve whilst being sympathetic with the landscape and providing a cohesive branding style.

Policy 14.1: Signage, consistent with SDC sign standards, will be developed and maintained, providing information as to what is available and where it is located, at each gateway.

Action: Assess existing signage status and outline opportunities for improving branding that improves the cohesiveness and is consistent to the setting. (Include in Master Plan brief).



Gravel Car Park beside Playground & Public Toilets

Action: To investigate naming of central domain area. (Include in Master Plan brief).

Objective 15: To enhance the passive recreational experience for visitors through the provision of various facilities and structures.

Policy 15.1: Additional facilities will continue to be provided in the informal recreational area to enhance picnicking activities and complement the existing facilities i.e. picnic tables, rubbish bins and barbeques.

Policy 15.2.: Provide picnic facilities in high usage areas for example tennis club, trotting club, scouting area.

Action: To upgrade BBQ area near Tennis Courts

Objective 16: To provide and maintain any new play equipment to cater for a range of children's ages that is compliant with NZ Standard 5828:2004, "Playground Equipment and Surfacing", and to maintain and continue to monitor all other equipment with the standard that related to the date of its installation.

Policy 16.1: Existing playground equipment is required to comply with the NZS 5828:2004 and ongoing inspections will be undertaken to ensure any required maintenance is completed to provide for ongoing compliance.

Action: Organise SDC to undertake an assessment of playground equipment safety and action identified issues to provide ongoing compliance.

Policy 16.2: Maintain plantings around the playground area to provide an open area with clear visibility throughout.

Objective 17: To provide safe access into the site for vehicles, cyclists, horses and pedestrians whilst minimising impact on users, facilities, amenity values, and the general character of the Reserve.

Action: Explore the needs for any further car parking in the Millennium Area of the Reserve.



Trotting Club Toilet Blocks & Water Tanks

Objective 18: To provide and maintain fences and gates for the purpose of user security and without impacting on the Reserve's amenity values or excluding disabled persons access to the Reserve.

Policy 18.1: Continue to retain, rationalise and extend fencing where required.

Objective 19: To provide clean, well maintained and conveniently located toilet facilities for Reserve users.

Policy 19.1: Ensure toilet facilities are kept in a clean, well maintained state and are accessible to all Reserve users, including wheel-chair access.

Action: Undertake a feasibility study, in conjunction with the Hororata District Citizens Association, for the design and location of a public toilet facility.

Objective 20: To provide a secure long term water supply for the Ornamental Lake, recreational usage and irrigation of landscape plantings.

Action: Budget for two 30,000 litre water storage tanks and associated costs, over the 2007 and 2008 financial years, to upgrade existing concrete tanks in the trotting area.

Action: Research funding options and Resource Consent requirements for a new well to service the Ornamental Lake, to ensure its viability after the water race closes.

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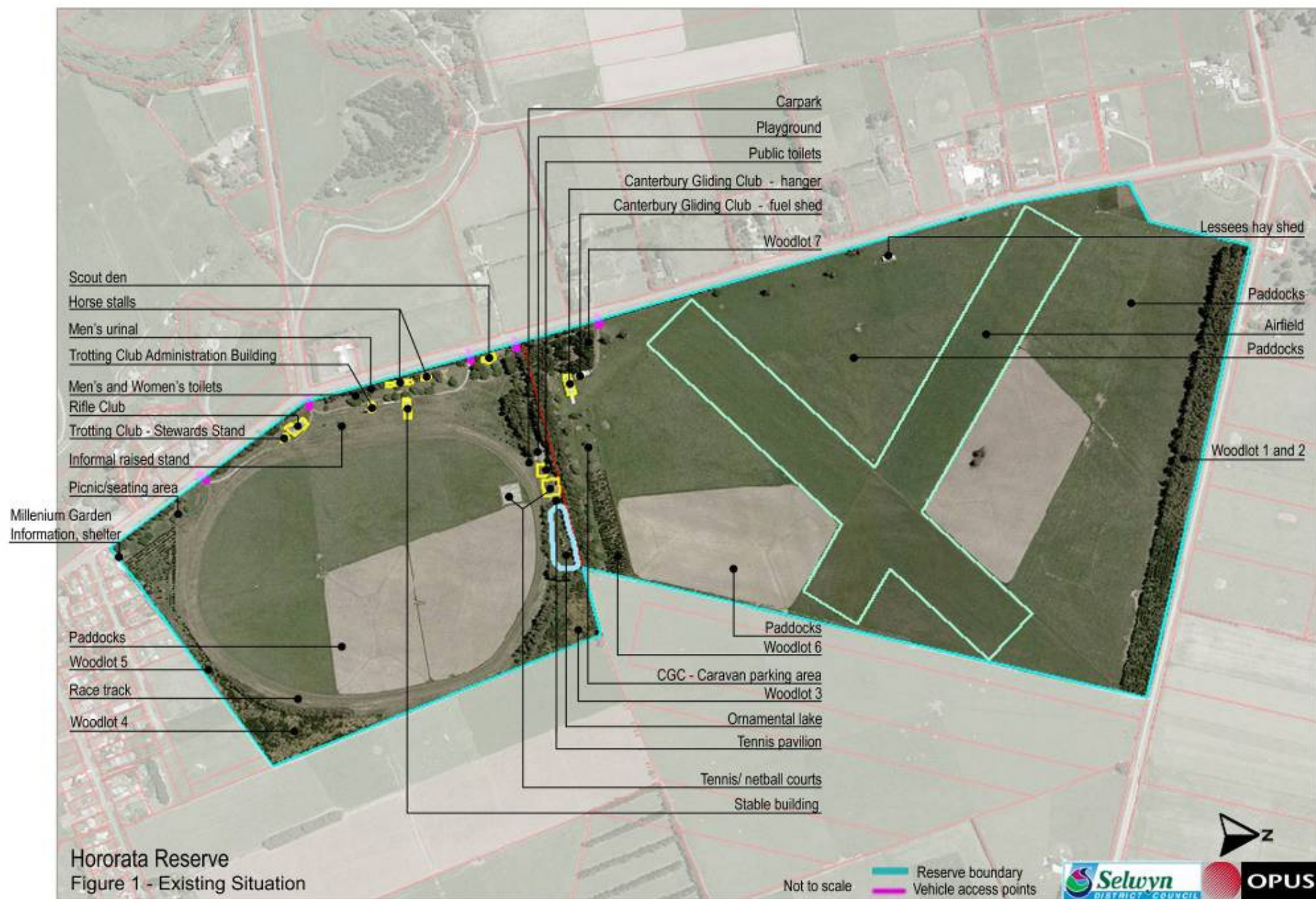
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Appendices

Appendix One – Plans

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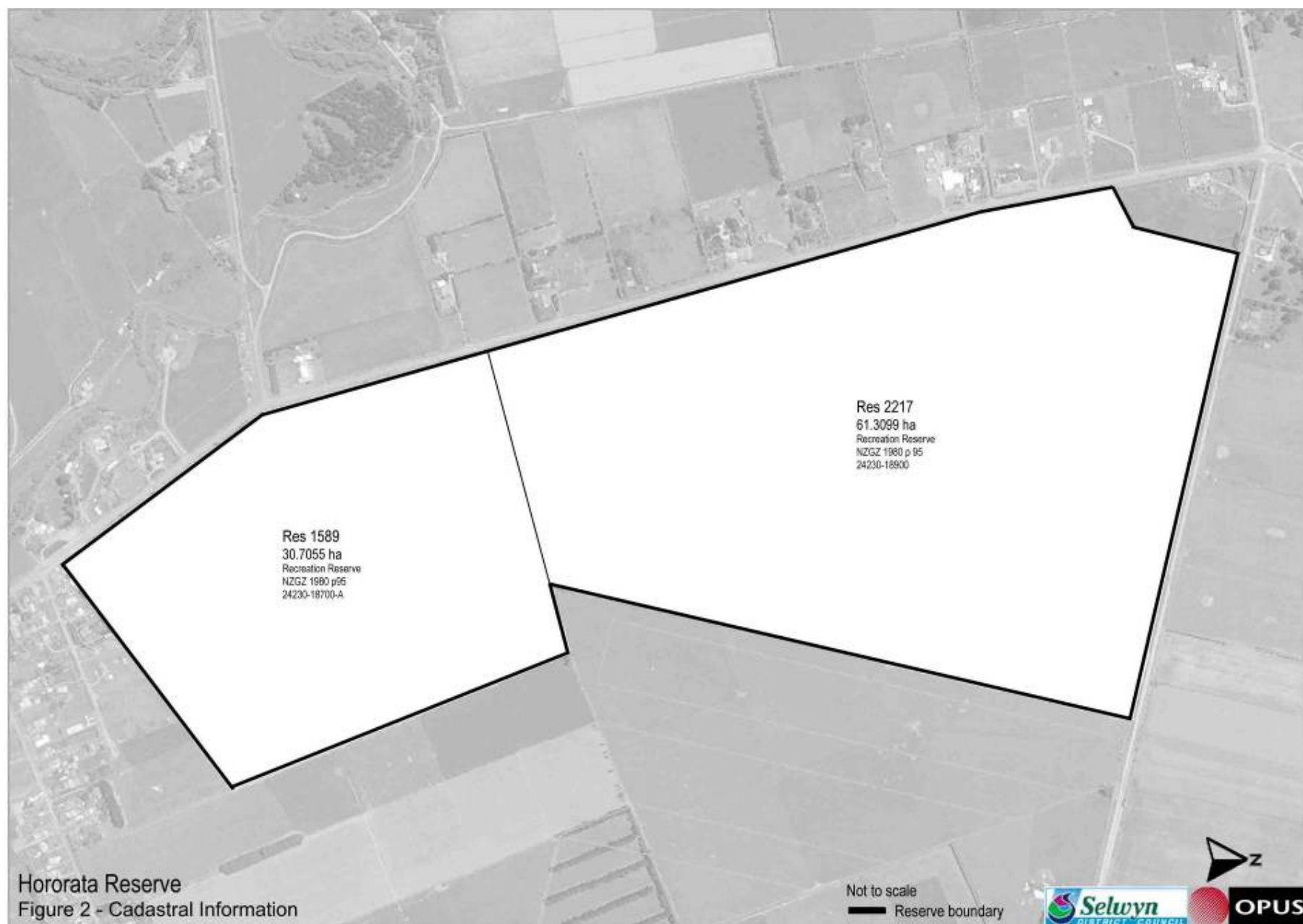


Figure 3 – Hororata Reserve Proposed Walking and Equestrian Cross-Country Track

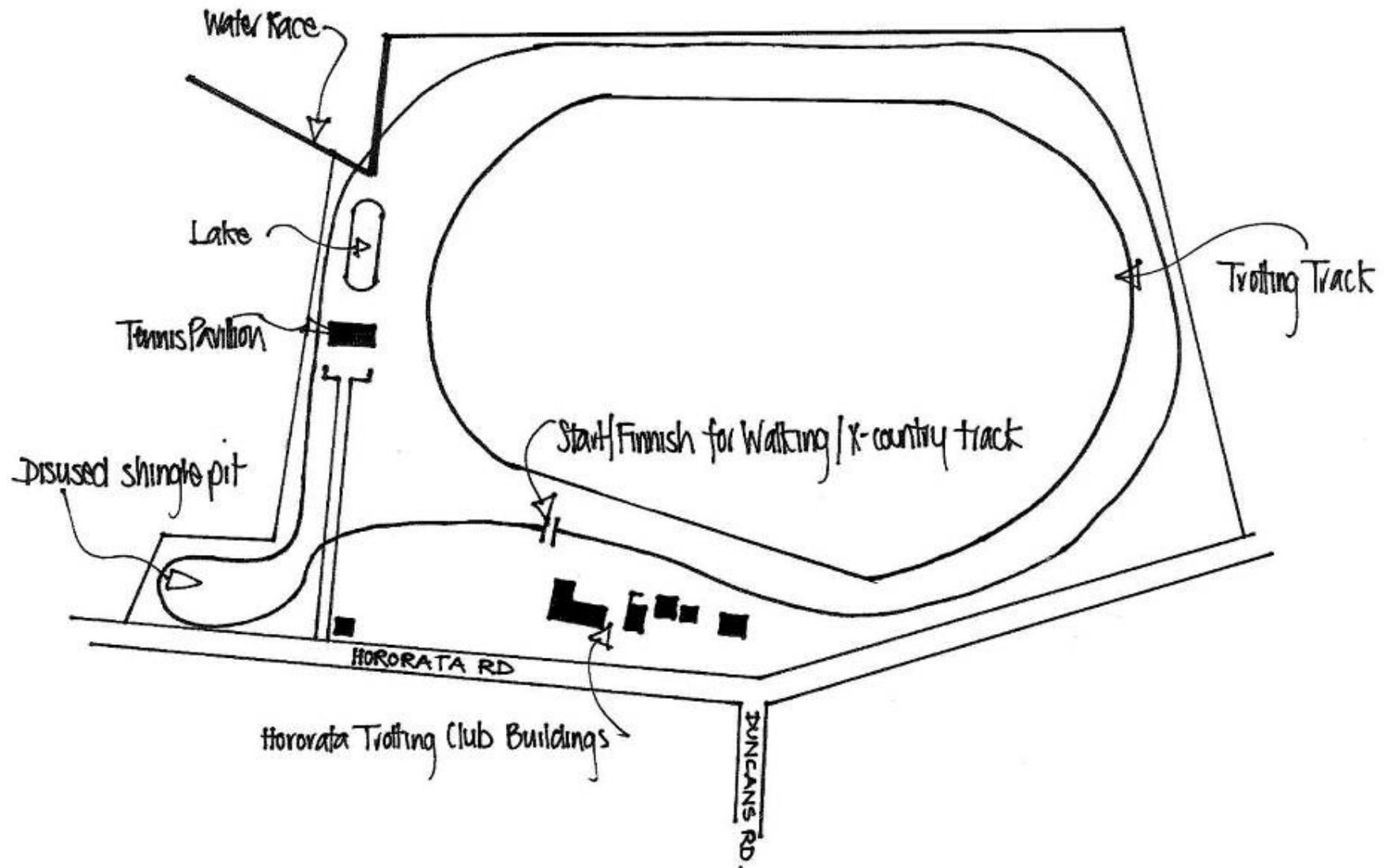
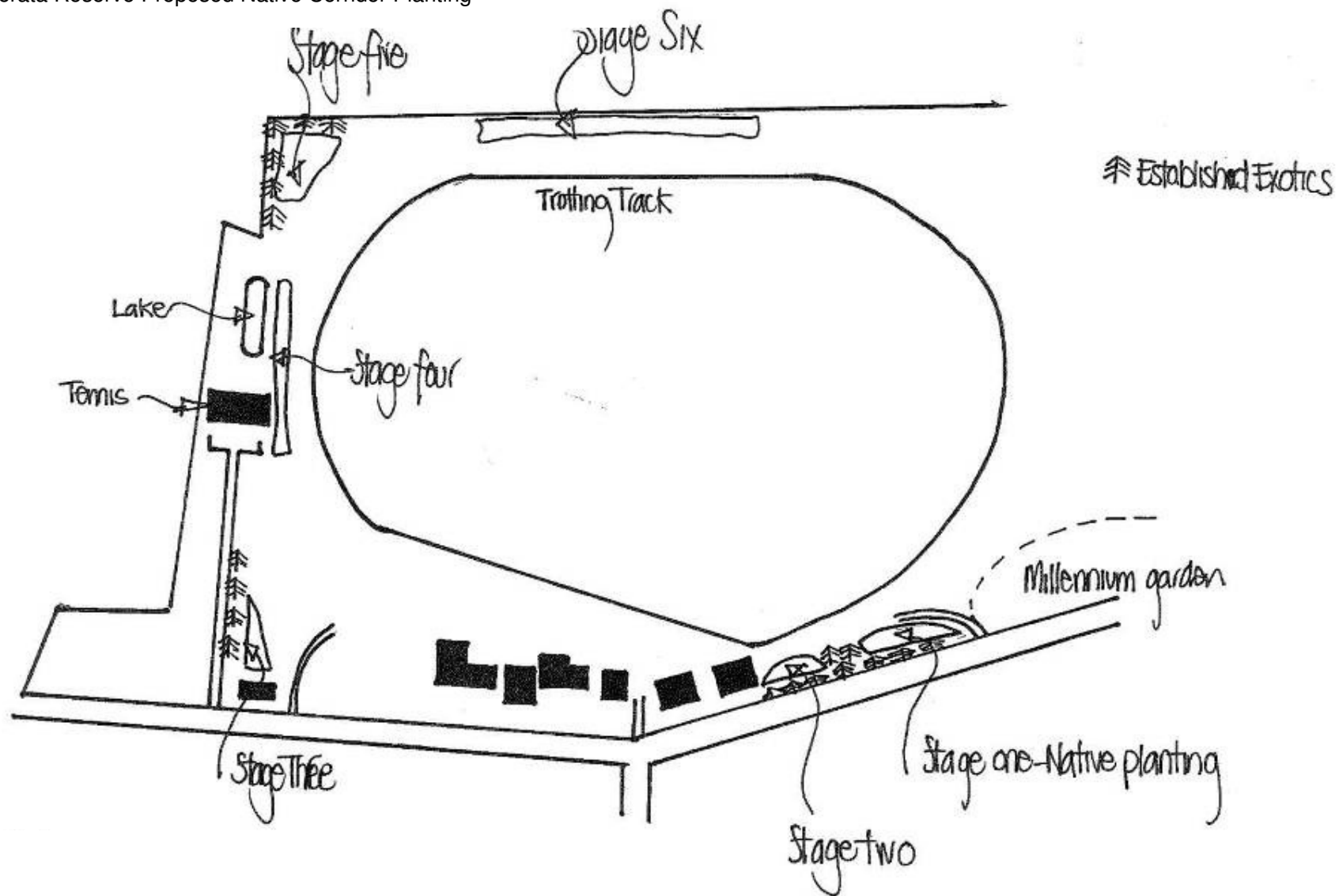


Figure 4 – Hororata Reserve Proposed Native Corridor Planting



Appendix Two – Management

- Hororata Reserve Management Current Committee Members
- Draft Asset Management Plan (2009)
- Hororata Reserve Gazette Information
- Policy Manual, Selwyn District Council, October 2006 - Summary
- List of Relevant New Zealand Legislation and Regulations

Current Hororata Reserve Management Committee Members

Chairman: Douglas Oliver

Secretary/Treasurer: Penny Oliver (not currently a committee member)

Community Board Rep:

Ian Warren

Ratepayers Reps:

Dave Sligh

Jenny Studholme

Michael Halliday

R. (Andy) Stewart

Robby Wilson

Glenn Kimber

Sporting Bodies Reps:

Tennis Club: Ken Cookson

Rifle Club: Russell Williams

Netball Club: Catherine Thorne

Trotting Club: James Reardon

Gliding Club: George Deans

Scouts Assn: Brian Lancaster

Draft Asset Management Plan (2009)



5.3.7 Hororata Reserve

Key Details

Location:	Hororata
Ward:	Malvern
Land Area:	92 hectares
Reserve Status:	Recreation Reserve
Land Valuation:	\$1,412,000
Management:	Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Key Activities:	Gliding, netball, tennis, trotting, scouts and rifle shooting

Levels of Service

The key stakeholders and customers of the Hororata Reserve are:

- Hororata residents
- Hororata Reserve Management Committee
- Lessees including Canterbury Gliding Club, Trotting Club and grazing
- Hororata Tennis & Netball Club
- Hororata Rifle Club
- Hororata Scouts

A draft management plan was prepared for the reserve in April 2008. The plan identifies the need for improved water quality in the ornamental lake, some issues over gliding activities and improvement of some of the passive areas of the reserve.

Growth and Demand

Population forecasts for this area show that the population is static and unlikely to experience growth. There is expected to be a ratio of 121.0 ha per 1,000 residents of recreation reserves in the locality by 2019 which exceeds future provision standards.

Recreation reserve use has been analysed and shows a moderate level of both sporting and casual use with usage likely to increase over time. The approximate number of users/members for each of the sporting codes using Hororata Reserve is:

• Gliding	110	• Netball	40
• Rifle club	12	• Tennis	20
• Scouts	30	• Trotting	30



Asset Description

Hororata Reserve has an airfield used for by a gliding club. This activity utilises a significant portion of the domain. Other recreational facilities include 2 netball/tennis courts, a trotting track, scout hall and the Malvern Rifle Club building. General reserve assets include 2 toilet blocks (total: 2 urinals and 15 pans), small modular playground, water tanks (4) and park furniture. A cross country equestrian facility has recently been developed on the domain.

The reserve has extensive plantings of mature trees and it is intended to develop a landscape plan and long term replacement programme to ensure the landscape quality of the reserve is retained.

Figure 5-13 below shows that the Hororata Reserve assets are generally in very good condition with the items in poor and very poor condition relating to the condition of some of the toilet block assets.

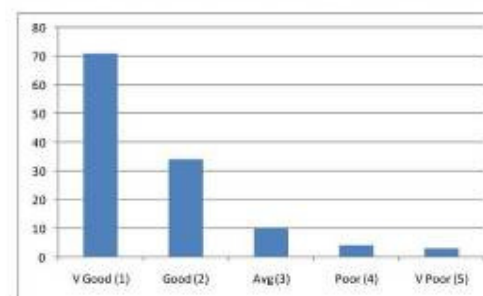


Figure 5-13: Asset Condition – Hororata Reserve

Operations & Maintenance

Operations and maintenance of the Reserve is the responsibility of the management committee. The gliding and trotting clubs largely maintain their own facilities with the committee responsible for maintenance of other areas. The committee determine the standard of maintenance and organise the required maintenance works.

The main items of cyclic maintenance planned involve repairs and painting of the Trotting Club building and other buildings. It is also planned to implement a replanting and beautification programme for the reserve.

Asset Renewal

No specific asset renewal works are planned during the 10 year period which is a reflection of the generally very good condition of the majority of reserve assets.

Capital Development

Some capital development projects have been identified in the draft reserve management plan. Several of these projects require further investigation. These include development of a caravan park, toilet upgrade or redevelopment and a new well to service the ornamental lake.

The committee are exploring the potential to have the old trotting club toilet block more accessible for general public use. This would require some upgrading work to be undertaken.

A number of improvement projects have been included in the programme to meet user needs such as a new BBQ facility and contribution to a tennis volley board. The netball club have requested that consideration be given to installing lights (an old set of lights were decommissioned some years ago). The management committee will be giving consideration to this request.

Hororata Reserve	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Routine Operations & Maintenance										
Routine O & M	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100
Total Routine O & M	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100	14,100
Scheduled Maintenance										
Reclassification Planting	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trotting Club Building Maintenance	6,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paint Buildings	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Scheduled Maintenance	7,800	5,500	5,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Renewals										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Capital - To Service Growth										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total New Capital Growth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Capital - Improved LOS										
Upgrade BBQ Area	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis Volley Board	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toilet Upgrade	0	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Re-distributing System	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irrigation Supply Tank	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total New Capital LOS Improvement	16,000	33,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total New Capital	16,000	33,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5-13: Hororata Reserve Cost Summary

Kirwee Recreation Reserve	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Routine Operations & Maintenance										
Routine O & M	16,600	16,600	17,100	16,900	17,200	16,900	16,600	17,100	16,600	16,500
Total Routine O & M	16,600	16,600	17,100	16,900	17,200	16,900	16,600	17,100	16,600	16,500
Scheduled Maintenance										
Playground Undersurface	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500		0
Exterior Painting - Sports Pavilion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0
Internal Painting - Sports Pavilion	0	0	0	0	12,100	0	0	0	0	0
Total Scheduled Maintenance	1,500	0	0	0	12,100	0	0	1,500	5,000	0
Renewals										
Picnic Table	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800
Fencing Renewal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,200	0
Carpet - Pavilion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,500
Security System	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	0
Total Renewals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,700	8,300
New Capital - To Service Growth										
Pavilion Upgrade & Toilets	165,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cricket Nets	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Management Plan Projects	0	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total New Capital Growth	175,000	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Capital - Improved LOS										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total New Capital LOS Improvement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total New Capital	175,000	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5-15: Kirwee Recreation Reserve Cost Summary

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Classification of Reserve

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SCHEDULE

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT—SOUTHLAND COUNTY
21,0569 hectares, more or less, being Sections 34, 35, and 36, Block VIII, Toetoes Survey District. All *New Zealand Gazette*, 1973, page 1642. S.O. Plan 8518.
Dated at Invercargill this 12th day of December 1979.

G. E. ROWAN,
Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands.
(L. and S. H.O. Res. 13/2/12; D.O. 8/317)

Classification of Reserve

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SCHEDULE

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—MALVERN COUNTY—HORORATA RECREATION RESERVE

30,7055 hectares, more or less (former area 32,3748 hectares), being Reserve 1589, situated in Block XII, Hororata Survey District. Part *New Zealand Gazette*, 1878, page 453. S.O. Plan 11815.

61,3098 hectares, more or less (former area 59,4887 hectares), being Reserve 2217, situated in Block XII, Hororata Survey District. Part *New Zealand Gazette*, 1878, page 453. S.O. Plan 11816.

Dated at Christchurch this 10th day of December 1979.

B. K. SLY,
Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands.
(L. and S. H.O. Res. 11/2/73; D.O. 8/3/44)

SCHEDULE

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—AKAROA COUNTY—LANGLOIS ETEVENEAUX HOUSE HISTORIC RESERVE

725 square metres, more or less, being part Reserve 5118, situated in Block IV, Akaroa Survey District. Balance certificate of title 138/125. S.O. 13420.

94 square metres, more or less, being Section 168, Town of Akaroa, situated in Block IV, Akaroa Survey District. All *New Zealand Gazette*, 1975, page 923. S.O. 13420.

Dated at Christchurch this 10th day of December 1979.

B. K. SLY,
Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands.
(L. and S. H.O. Res. 11/4/4; D.O. 8/4/6)

Classification of Reserve

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SCHEDULE

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT—HURUNUI COUNTY—OMIHU RECREATION RESERVE

3,7433 hectares, more or less, being Lot 2, D.P. 1389 (formerly Reserve 4545), situated in Block XVIII, Waikanae Survey District. All certificate of title 513/266.

Dated at Christchurch this 10th day of December 1979.

B. K. SLY,
Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands.
(L. and S. H.O. Res. 1/2/104; D.O. 8/3/143)

Classification of Reserve

PURSUANT to the Reserves Act 1977, and to a delegation from the Minister of Lands, the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands hereby declares the reserve, described in the Schedule hereto, to be classified as a reserve for scenic purposes, subject to the provisions of Section 19 (a) of the said Act.

SCHEDULE

SOUTH AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT—WAITOMO DISTRICT—MAROKOPA NATURAL TUNNEL SCENIC RESERVE

34,3856 hectares, more or less, being part Taumatotara Block, situated in Blocks XI and XII, Kawhia South Survey District. All *New Zealand Gazette*, 1914, page 4319.

Policy Manual, Selwyn District Council, October 2006 - Summary.

Listed below are SDC Policies related to the Reserve. (To be used as reference only).

C204	Cultural and Recreational Special Fund
C301	Consultation Policy
C505	Vandalism
C602	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
C605	Development of Concept Plans (Resource Management Act 1991)
D100	Dog Control
L101	Strategic Purchase of Land for Designated Purposes
L202	Renewal of Leases
L203	Recreational Leases
P101	Sale of Timber
P202	Public Toilets
W102	Ponds
W118	Purpose of Stockwater Races
C416	Public Forums
L206	Termination of leases

List of Relevant New Zealand Legislation and Regulations

NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATION:

Building Act 1991

The Building Act defines public toilets and information centres as buildings, requiring building consents. The Building Act gives acceptable solutions, using the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) as NZS 4121:2001, for minimum numbers and standards of fixtures. The NZBC also gives requirements for structural integrity of buildings and personal health in public toilets. Section 47A required that building be accessible for persons with disabilities, who may be expected to visit and carry out normal activities.

Health Act 1956

Section 23 of the Health Act covers the duty of the local authority to improve, promote and protect health within its district. Under Section 25 the Minister of Health may require a local authority to provide sanitary works for the public.

Human Rights Act 1993

The Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the grounds of disability.

Local Government Act 1974

Section 596 of the Local Government Act allows territorial authorities to provide and maintain land and buildings to be used as restrooms and for other public amenities.

Reserves Act 1977

Public toilets are not mandatory in parks but this Act provides for their development.

Resource Management Act 1991

The Resource Management Act promotes sustainable management of natural and physical resources, including development and protection.

NEW ZEALAND REGULATIONS:

New Zealand Building Regulations 1992

New Zealand Building Code 1992 (NZBC)

Clauses to refer to are: A2, D1, G5 and F8

NEW ZEALAND STANDARDS:

NZS 4121:2001 – Design for Access and Mobility – Buildings and Associated Facilities

NZS 4241: 1999 – Public Toilets

NZS 8603: 1992 – Outdoor recreation symbols

NZ Standard 5828:2004, “Playground Equipment and Surfacing”

JOINT AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND STANDARDS:

AS/NZS 1730: 1996 – Washbasins

AS/NZS 3982: 1996 – Urinals

(Parks and Waterways Access Policy, Christchurch City Council April 2002)

Appendix Three – Community Consultation Survey Results

Note: This survey was undertaken by the Hororata Reserve Management Committee in 2005. The following results represent the views of the Hororata Community and key interest groups at that time.

Hororata Reserve Management Committee – August 2005

Survey Questions – Answer Results

(1) Appealing Profile from the Road

Yes	No	Partly
37	38	18

(2) Why do you visit the Reserve?

Peace & Quiet	Sports	Walking	Exercising Pets	Bikes	Pic & BBQ
58	51	50	35	27	26

(2a) Other activities

(3) Lake Water Quality acceptable

Yes	No	No Answer
30	57	6

(4) Pond area upgraded

Yes	No	No Answer
83	3	7

(5) Alternative water supply for the Lake

Yes	No	No Answer
83	4	7

(6) Rate the importance of the Lake as asset

Very Important	OK	Not OK
71	17	4

(7) Which acceptable to increase revenue:	Rates increase	Woodlots	Farming	Sale	Other
	27	35	56	21	23

(7a) Other ideas to increase revenue

(8) How do you rate your Reserve overall	Very Good	Acceptable	Poor	V Poor
	11	59	15	0

(9) Rate landscape maintenance	Very Good	OK	Poor	V Poor
	16	59	9	12

(10) Rate maintenance racecourse area	Very Good	OK	Poor	V Poor
	1	35	40	8

(11) Please rate the quality of the following existing facilities (1 to 5)

	1 = Excellent	2	3	4	5
Public toilets	12	24	37	12	3
Picnic areas	4	12	32	25	15
Walking Track	9	6	39	22	6
Parking	2	11	26	30	18
Signage	6	20	33	20	8
Water Supply	7	16	32	22	2
Landscaping	1	14	50	20	5
Existing Lake	10	11	12	26	1

Appropriate activities for your Reserve	YES	NO	Just No
(12) Tennis	100%		
(13) Rifle	85	8	(Unfortunately some of the No answers did not realise that it was an indoor rifle range)
(14) Trotting	84	9	
(15) Gliding	36	57	
(16) Netball	100%		
(17) Scouting	100%		
(18) Farming	74	14	5
(19) Walking Tracks	100%		
(20) Forestry	63	22	8

(21) Other activities

Which of the following see developed?

	Yes	No	MAYBE
(22) More landscaped areas	72		
(23) Commercial woodlots	34	57	2
(24) Upgrade of public toilets on	74		
(25) Upgrade the existing lake and	76		
(26) Walking tracks	69		
(27) Picnic Areas	69		
(28) Camping and Caravan area	66		
(29) Upgrading racecourse	60		

(30) Height Restrictions

	YES	NO	NOT ANSWERED
Are you happy with the proposed height restrictions	20	57	16
Would you like to see a reduction in height restrictions	55	8	30
Would you like to see all height restrictions removed	66	9	18

Appendix Four – Submissions received

Submissions received on the draft Hororata Reserve Management Plan 15/8/09


Submitter no	Name	Address	Email	Phone (Day)	To be heard
1	Vanessa Denise Murray	Thyme Cottage Hororata Rd, RD 2 Darfield		03 318 0606	Not stated
2	Community & Public Health	PO Box 1475, Christchurch	lew.graham@cdhb.govt.nz	03 3786740	N
3	Robby & Aurora	9 Downs Rd, Hororata	robby.wilson@xtra.co.nz	03 318 0600	Y
4	Dr Brian Fineran		ba.fineran@xtra.co.nz	03 384 1187	Y
5	Kay & Roger Oxley	3072 Coaltrack Rd, Coalgate 7673		021 206 9449	Y
6	Anne & Greg Bluck	3 Victoria St, Glentunnel 7673		03 318 2802	Y
7	Barbara & Robert McKeage	Duncans Rd, PO Box 55, Hororata	barbara@westwind.co.nz	03 318 0004	Y
8	Margaret Eade	171 Hororata Rd		03 373 3039	Y
9	Stephen & Janet Harris	152 Harris Rd RD 2 Darfield, 7572		03 318 6865	Y
10	Anita Paterson	139 Hororata Rd, Hororata		021 042 6862	Y
11	Glenn Kimber	87 Hororata Rd RD 2 Darfield 7572	kimber.fencing@xtra.co.nz	03 318 0808	Y
12	Steph Kimber	87 Hororata Rd RD 2 Darfield 7572	kimber.fencing@xtra.co.nz	03 318 0808	Y
13	Patterson Parkin	1303 Morgans Rd, Hororata		03 318 0644	Y
14	Henry Studholme	161 - 165 Hororata Rd, RD 2 Darfield	henry.s@primefoods.co.nz	03 318 0895	Y
15	Jennifer Studholme	161 - 165 Hororata Rd, RD 2 Darfield		03 318 0851	Y
16	Canterbury Gliding Club (K. Bethwaite)	48 Horotane Valley Rd, Christchurch 8022		274325515	Y
17	Mike Davies, Dave Askin, Phil Freeman	Downs Rd RD 2 Darfield 7572 (M. Davies)			Y
18	Hororata Tennis Club (James Deans)		jd@wwl.co.nz	03 379 1740	Y
19	Ken Cookson	169 Leaches Rd RD 2 Darfield 7572		03 318 0777	Y
20	Scouts New Zealand (Mike Blackburn)	PO Box 32003 Christchurch 32003		03 982 7837	N
Late Submissions received					
21	Allan Rhodes	PO Box 11-306 Sockburn, Christchurch 8443		03 349 7733	Y
22	Peter & Jane Greer	204 Downs Rd, Hororata		03 318 0878	N

Signatories received on Submission 17 (Davies, Askin & Freeman)

1	M. Osborne	789 Downs Rd, Glenroy			
2	Chris Dennis	Steeles Rd, Glenroy			
3	Alister Brown	Coaltrack Rd, Colgate			
4	Shane Thornley	248 Hawkins Rd, Hororata			
5	Michael Groters	Rockwood Rd, Hororata			
6	Gavin King	Hororata			
7	T. Dalley	Derretes Rd, Hororata			
8	L. Mackenzie	Downs Rd, Hororata			
9	G. Reynolds	Downs Rd, Hororata			
10	Df & HM McCawley	756 Sleemans Rd RD 2 Glenroy			
11	M. Dempsey	737 Downs Rd, Darfield			
12	D. Rooney	Hawkins Rd, Hororata			
13	Fairfield Ltd	RD 2 Darfield 7572			
14	Michael Henrikson	Downs Rd RD 2 Darfield			
15	John May	Downs Rd, Hororata			

Signatories received on Submission 19 (Cookson)

1	Evelyn Bruce	69 Leaches Rd, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0776
2	Ian Bruce	69 Leaches Rd, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0776
3	John Stewart	69 Leaches Rd, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0776
4	Gough Farms Ltd	2003 Coaltrack Rd RD 1 Christchurch	03 318 8132
5	John Grigg	Haldon Pastures, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0731
6	Hamish Thorne	Holden Rd RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0731
7	James Mc Callum	15 Woodcote Ave, Hornby	021 30 0613
8	Gavin King	Rockwood Rd, RD 2 Darfield	027 318 6938
9	Dougal King	Leaches Rd, RD 2 Darfield	027 405 8899
10	Gordon Broughton	Campuna 2413 Coaltrack Rd, RD 1 CHCH	03 318 8156
11	C. Tue	PO Box 44 Hororata	03 318 0829
12	Richard Friedman	Malvern Hills Rd, RD 1 Darfield	03 318 7341
13	Ken Cookson	169 Leaches Rd RD 2 Darfield 7572	03 318 0777
14	H. Eaton	RD 1 Ashburton	0274 821 191
15	Tim Cookson	167 Leaches Rd RD 2 Darfield 7572	03 318 0718
16	Michael Groters	Rockwood Rd, Hororata	027 22 38089
17	Rodney Booth	Steeles Rd, RD 2 Darfield	027 404 2914
18	John Paterson	1240 Morgans Rd, Hororata	0274 525 200
19	Carey Blue	Hororata Dunsandel Rd	0274 575 626
20	Martin Bruce	133 Hororata Rd, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0778
21	B. S Hunt	Cordylea Hororata Darfield rd	0274 801 760
22	D. J Catherwood	Carlow Hororata RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0730
23	J. E. Catherwood	1106 Ardlui Rd Hororata RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0730
24	Bob Searle	1159 Ardlui Rd Hororata RD 2 Darfield	0274 369 400
25	Thomas Irving	317 Rockwood Rd, Hororata	03 318 0715
26	M. J. McKellow	Ridgeways, Hororata RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0715
27	Harold Oakley	1057 Leaches Rd RD 2 Darfield	03 318 6836
28	Craig Blackburn	RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0973
29	Richard Perkins	310 Hororata Rd, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0066
30	Vanessa Murray	Thyme Cottage, Hororata Rd	
31	Tony Thwaites	Hororata, RD 2 Darfield	021 224 4062
32	Robert Stewart	109 Downs Rd RD 2 Darfield	027 477 1901
33	John Thacker	PO Box 96, Hororata	027 255 4484
34	Anne Moore	PO Box 78 Hororata	027 255 4485
35	Jennifer Mackenzie	496 Downs Rd, RD 2 Darfield	021 713 055
36	Michael Oakley	Bealey Rd, RD 2 Darfield	0274 368 308
37	Tony Edwards	Aitkens Rd, RD 2 Darfield	03 318 0889
38	Mike Andrews	328 Cones Rd, RD 2 Rangiora	021 828 303
39	Michael Fitzgerald	39 Martbern Cres, Bishopdale	027 228 0885
40	Sam George	c/- Aitkens Rd, Hororata	027 461 9208
41	Michael Henriksen	Downs Rd, RD 2 Darfield	021 470 260

 Denotes those who have signed more than one submission.