

GLENTUNNEL DOMAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

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**Coalgate/Glentunnel
Reserve Management Committee**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community responses supported the following:

- ❑ A combination of utilising the Domain for recreation, amenity/environmental plantings and utilizing designated areas as a commercial woodlot.
- ❑ Instituting a transparent grants allocation process.
- ❑ The planning and completion of regular maintenance regimes.
- ❑ The inclusion of natives along with appropriate deciduous plantings where appropriate throughout the Domain.
- ❑ Retention of the Homebush/Coaltrack Road woodlot as an amenity woodlot.
- ❑ Selective milling of mature trees within the Homebush/Coaltrack Road amenity woodlot. The milling of the majority of the Macrocarpa tree line (south side) with replanting to commence when cleared.
- ❑ The naming of sections of the Domain to acknowledge local resident contributions to the community and the reserve (Joyce's Reserve and the Andrew Scott Recreation Area).
- ❑ The completion of a native afforested area on Joyce's Reserve with car park, picnic area and access to the Selwyn River.
- ❑ Completing a Landscape Concept Plan that links the Homebush Road amenity woodlot, the community hall site and the playground.
- ❑ To develop and link a walking track from Joyce's Reserve through the Homebush/Coaltrack Road amenity woodlot and ending at the Coaltrack Road boundary.
- ❑ To establish new or investigate the provision of recreation activities where requested that may include a natural ice pond for winter activities, opportunities for children or youth and the retention and upgrading of the netball court.
- ❑ Developing unused areas for further commercial woodlot plantings.
- ❑ Convert the disused Domain toilet block into an implement shed with an accessible disabled access toilet.

Please be aware that this document and the work of the Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee are local residents who contribute their time voluntary. The ability to achieve the proposals outlined in this document is dependent on the availability of willing committee members and the community to contribute. The intention and goal of the Reserve Management Committee is to continue the effective management of a public facility, not only to benefit local residents and visitors but also for those in the future.

Phillip Shaw, Chairperson, Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee

INTRODUCTION

The Glentunnel Domain with its mix of natural beauty and developed activity space is noted as one of the most attractive rural woodland recreation areas within Canterbury. Since the establishment of the first Domain Board in 1880 a rich history has been created. At that time the area provided a natural amphi-theatre with flat surfaces for the initial Glentunnel Sports Committee to promote. As the community developed the establishment of a trotting course and other sporting and athletic activities evolved. The Domain has been home to rugby, cricket, netball, hockey and even a cycling club over the years. Once the Whitecliffs to Christchurch rail line was laid the Domain attracted steam train excursions bringing picnickers from Christchurch.

The adjacent Selwyn River with its safe swimming holes added much to the Domains attractions. As caravan and tent camping became popular the reserve became a favourite informal and somewhat wilderness camping venue. In 1960 the Hororata Golf Club transferred its course to the current site, from the nearby Downs Station lambing paddock. A 9-hole course was developed first; which was later extended to a challenging 18-hole course. The club attracts both city dwellers and locals alike for casual rounds and its regular weekly and tournament competitions.

It is noted that a golf club did exist on this land in 1947 but within a short period due to lack of interest the course closed.

Over the years past Domain Management Boards have always looked to the future through the planting of cash tree crops to generate an income, not only to meet management costs but also support community sports needs. The tree line along Homebush Road has given the adjacent township a significant attractive backdrop and shelterbelt with many residents now seeing it for its amenity value as well as an environment to support native and exotic bird life.

RESERVE MANAGEMENT

The Reserves Act, Section 9:41(2), indicates a requirement to complete a “management plan”. The object of a “plan” is to prepare a planned strategy that will chart the development and management of Glentunnel Domain over a ten-year period. As required by the Act consultation has been completed through personal interviews, community meetings and written submissions. Comment from members of resident sports groups has also been gathered. Information has also been gained from past Domain management committee members and those with a technical knowledge regarding aspects of reserves management planning.

The Domain is an important focal point for the adjacent community and visitors alike as it satisfies many, either through their passive or physical use each week. This “plan” has been designed as a living document and management tool. It provides clear outcomes that have been obtained through community wishes to propose best management practices and set clear goals and objectives. The “plan” outlines planning and development procedures for the forthcoming ten years. The Reserves Act clearly indicates that providing accepted procedures are followed, variations and new developments that are proposed may be considered and added.

RESPONSIBILITIES – COALGATE/GLENTUNNEL RESERVES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Reserves Committee has delegated responsibility from the Selwyn District Council for the management of the Coalgate Reserve, Selwyn Street, Coalgate and the Glentunnel Reserve, Homebush Road.

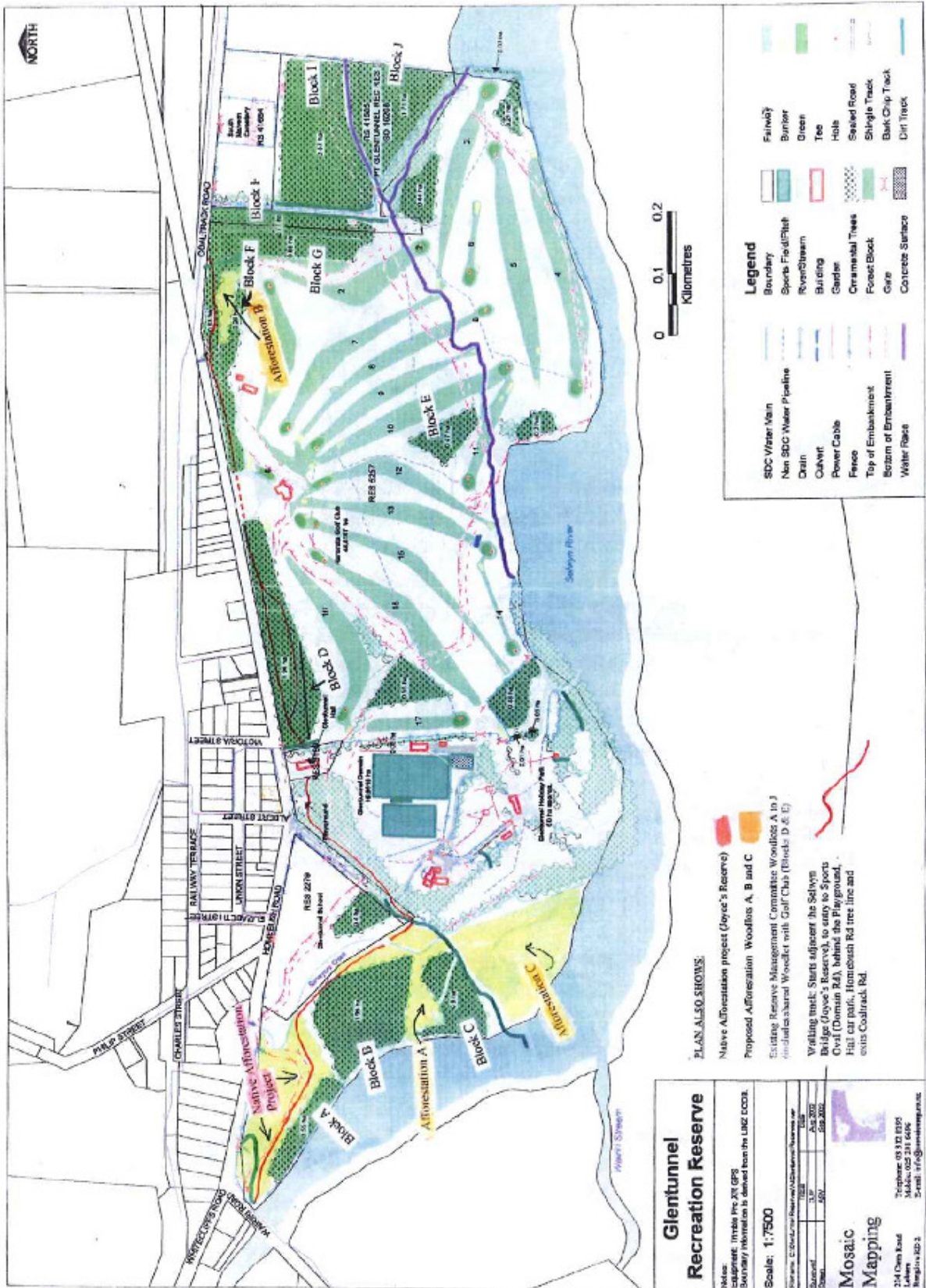
Along with this, the Glentunnel Domain Management Plan, a similar document has been prepared for the Coalgate Reserve.

The Council requires the Committee to act judiciously and without bias while carrying out development and budget planning for each reserve. As the Coalgate Reserve Management Plan shows, the reserve is comparatively undeveloped compared to Glentunnel. The Council's rating base covers 209 households which includes the Coalgate Township and beyond. Over the past twenty years, generally all funds received from the Council's rates levy has been utilized for the Glentunnel Domain. The Committee proposes to address this fact and increase targeted development within the Coalgate Reserve to meet increasing local needs. Within the Reserve Committees funding resource, it intends to maintain and continue a development and maintenance role within the Glentunnel Domain.

Minutes of each Reserve Committee meeting will be available at the Glentunnel Library and the Councils Darfield Service Centre for community viewing. Contact may be made direct with the Secretary for copies of the previous or past meetings. In line with the Local Government Act and Council's Standing Orders, members of the community are entitled to attend Reserve Management Committee meetings unless it moves "*in committee*". Unless speaking rights are pre-arranged those in attendance do so as an observer.



DOMAIN GPS MAP



PART ONE - RESOURCE SECTION

HISTORY

The Glentunnel Domain was first established under the “Public Domains Act 1865”, notified in the NZ Gazette, July 1880. The first Board appointed comprised Messrs: J. S. Turnbull, J. A. McIlraith, T. Brown and S. Price¹. One of the activities of the board over the early years was the extensive planting of trees, both for amenity value and for construction purposes. This was carried out through the assistance of the Christchurch Domains Board.² Early meetings of the board were held in the local School and around 1886 were transferred to the Glentunnel Library³.

The Domain has been an important feature as a community sports venue with many annual fixtures such as the Boxing Day Sports Gala being held there during its early years.

The Selwyn River has caused the Domain its share of problems through flooding, a situation that seems to have been repeated regularly over the years.

LOCATION

Glentunnel Domain is a 71.4-hectare reserve that runs alongside Homebush Road, which divides the Domain from the adjacent township. Glentunnel is around a comfortable hour's drive from Christchurch's city centre, heading along the Main West Road or State Highway 73 initially, then some 12 kilometres inland from Darfield on State Highway 77. (This routes also doubles as the Inland Scenic Route, Highway 72.) At the eastern end of the reserve, accessed from Coal Track Road, is a smaller 6.08-hectare reserve under a separate title. This area, also classified as a recreation reserve, is a woodlot planted out in *Pinus radiata*.

Also accessed and fronting Coal Track Road is the South Malvern Cemetery, once again under a separate title as a local purpose reserve.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Glentunnel Domain's classification as a recreation reserve is outlined in the Reserves Act as:

“For the purpose of providing areas 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 space and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.”

Glentunnel Domain was vested by the Crown to the Council in trust for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1984, page 5472). The reserve was then named (Glentunnel Recreation Reserve) and classified by a further notice (NZ Gazette 1986, page 3414, Reserve 5257, Gazette notice 826897; 71.4776 hectares). The smaller adjacent area (6.0874 hec) that is currently afforested is also listed as part of the reserve, formerly Reserve 5258, RS 41535. The Council planted this

¹ N.Z. Gazette 1880 Vol.1 page 300

² Glentunnel Domain Landscape Development Study, J. S. Henry, 1974

³ Ibid

area out with Radiata Pine in 1985. The Councils Assets Manager, Property advises both areas form the Glentunnel (Domain) Recreation Reserve and therefore fall within the management jurisdiction of the Reserve Management Committee.

TOPOGRAPHY/LANDSCAPE/GEOLOGY & SOILS

Glentunnel is situated in a glacial valley between the gently rolling foothills of the Harper Hills to the south and the Malvern Hills to the north. The Selwyn River forms a significant feature generally running along the base of the Harper Hills. The valley floor is made up of recent alluvial greywacke gravels and river deposits. Several terraces of Ruapuna stony silt loam form the valley from the Malvern Hills side, with Glentunnel situated on a higher terrace. There are several lower stepped terraces leading down to the Selwyn River. The valley is bordered by hills that are composed of Rhyolitic conglomerate, sands, sandy clays, coal measures, cencretionary greensands, sands and clays (Upper Cretaceous) and areas of basic volcanics and intrusive (Post Cretaceous) clays.⁴

DOMAIN ADMINISTRATION

The Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee acts under the delegated authority of the Selwyn District Council, and administers the Glentunnel Domain. This authority occurs under section 77 of the Reserves Act. The Committee is elected for a three-year term with community nominations sought at the time of the tri-ennial local body elections.

The Committee consists of a chairperson, secretary and seven elected members. Two of the elected positions were assigned to township representatives from Coalgate and Glentunnel in July 2003. There are four sports club representatives and an appointed member representing the Malvern Area Community Board, (see Appendix 4). (Note: This format is currently under review by the Council and is subject to change for the 2004 tri-ennial elections.)

Under Section 40 of the Act:

“The administering body’s function is directed at managing the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified. Management may provide, as appropriate, for:

- *Use*
- *Enjoyment*
- *Development*
- *Maintenance*
- *Protection*
- *Preservation”*

All decisions made by the committee must be within the powers conferred by the Reserves Act, and under delegated responsibility approved by the Selwyn District Council.

The Reserve Management Committee’s meeting frequency has changed recently from a “when needed” basis to generally monthly meetings to enact the management plan. As a delegated committee of the Selwyn District Council it operates under the Local Government Act including Councils Standing Orders.

⁴ Soils of the Downs and Plains of Canterbury and North Otago, Soil Bureau Bulletin, DSIR 1967

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

As a delegated committee of the Selwyn District Council, the Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee's expenditure/revenue accounts (votes) form part of the Council's LTCCP (Long Term Council Community Plan) including the Annual Plan and Budget process. All financial matters once confirmed, and minuted by the Board are enacted by the Council's Asset Management and Financial Services Unit. The Committee's financial management accounts also contain the expenditure/revenue accounts for the nearby Coalgate Reserve. Currently these financial summaries for each reserve are set out as separate asset development costs, but for ongoing maintenance expenditure including revenue which is shown in a consolidated format.



To date the Committee's practice has been to make grants to local sports and community organisations, from income that has generally been derived from timber sales milled within the Domain. The grants have benefited a number of organisations for specified projects. To date no formal policy has existed regarding conditions or availability of funds for distribution. The committee has generally considered requests on a casual basis.

RATING DETAILS

The Selwyn District Council's 2003/2004 Annual Plan "Schedule of Rates and Charges" indicates that the Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee receives \$22.50 annually from 209 local ratable properties. This is an historic charge that the Committee is able to request based on a "view" (consistent with the "view" of all Selwyn District reserve committees) that this was the maximum allowable limit. In reality higher rates can be levied subject to appropriate community consultation. This rate is confirmed annually in the Council's "Annual Plan and Budget".

GLENTUNNEL TOWNSHIP

Established around the 1870's, Glentunnel currently has a population of 192 residents residing in 57 dwellings⁵. The area has a rich history as a farming, coal, and clay-mining township. The township's buildings are a mixture of small early colonial dwellings with a number of significant historical miners cottages and more recent modern dwellings. The Selwyn River once famed for its trout fishing, borders the southern boundary and divides the Harper Hills from the Domain. The township also has the area primary school attracting Year 1 to Year 9 children. Glentunnel boasts the honour of having one the oldest operating libraries in New Zealand. The library's significant octagonal brick structure was built in 1886. Adjacent, is the Malvern Historical Museum now operating from the district's original Oddfellows Hall. The township's existing Glentunnel Store is also operating from its original 100-plus year old building.

Glentunnel was the site of the Homebush Brick and Pottery Works, which produced much of early Canterbury's requirements. The works was demolished after closure in 1987. As with many rural townships Glentunnel was serviced by the Christchurch-Whitecliffs rail line, which closed in 1965.

GLENTUNNEL HALL

Prior to 1963, the Domains Board administered the hall. Partly due to the building of a new sports pavilion adjacent to the sports oval, use of the Glentunnel Hall fell and with costs increasing the Malvern County Council (now the Selwyn District Council) were asked to take responsibility for the hall. This required the land that the hall was positioned on, being surrendered from Domain designated land and vested in the Council⁶. (Reserve 5199, area 3 roods 29.7 perches (S.O. Plan 10593)). At that time it was considered that the hall would also service the adjoining communities of Coalgate and Whitecliffs. On Wednesday 6th July 1966, a hall management committee⁷ was appointed with the subsequent election of Mr T. Marsh as Chairperson and Mr G. Brown elected as his Deputy. A number of Coalgate and Whitecliffs residents were elected to represent their respective communities.

Sadly on Tuesday 17 June 2003 the existing hall* was destroyed by arson. F. E. Smith built the original hall around 1918. Smith was also responsible for building the Oddfellow's Hall, which is now the Malvern Museum in Elizabeth Street⁸. The original Glentunnel Hall was also destroyed by fire in 1933. Paynter and Hamilton constructed the rebuilt hall.

* *A community meeting was held on Monday 7 July 2003 to recommend the re-establishment of the hall on the existing site. A re-establishment committee was formed to liaise with the District Council and the community to achieve this task.*

⁵ Census 2000

⁶ Malvern County Council records, July 1966

⁷ Picks and Bricks – Tales of South Malvern, Margaret Knowles, 1990

⁸ Malvern County Council records, October 1965

SOUTH MALVERN CEMETERY

The cemetery under separate title (Reserve 41684) fronts Coaltrack Road and at the rear borders the afforested portion of the Domain (Reserve 41685, 4.38ha). The first burial occurred in 1881⁹ and until very recently was administered by a Cemetery Board, but is now administered by the Selwyn District Council.

EXISTING DOMAIN LEASES

HORORATA GOLF CLUB

The Club's initial 29.542-hectare lease was through the Commissioner of Crown Lands. Since this lease was signed on 20 October 1971, the Crown has vested the land with the Selwyn District Council. The term of the lease was 33 years from 1 May 1970 and has now expired. An additional area of reserve, containing 14.97 hectares, was added to the lease by Deed of Agreement, on 14 July 1972. The Deed which records the Council as the lessor of the land, assigned the management right, covered in the lease to the Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee. The lease provides for a review of the rental payable under the lease every seven years.

The 14.97 hectare area subject to the 1972 agreement, which is at the rear of the cemetery and is part of the Golf Club's expired lease, is of no further interest to them.

The Reserve Management Committee, as part of confirming this "management plan" will renegotiate the establishment of a new unregistered "deed of lease" under section 54 Reserves Act 1977 for a term no greater than 33 years with rent reviews at 7 yearly intervals.

SOUTH MALVERN COMBINED SPORTS BODIES

The Combined Sports Club lease is an area of 30 x 15 square metres, on which the sports pavilion is situated. The lease, which commenced on 1 August 1993, signifies that it has an annual automatic annual renewal subject to a number of conditions. The conditions require the Combined Sports Club to meet all charges, fees, repairs, insurances, licenses and costs associated with the use and operation of the building. An annual peppercorn rent of \$1.00 is payable with the lease being managed by the Selwyn District Council. (Note: It will be necessary to add to the existing lease, the cricket training wicket and the Combined Clubs proposed barbeque area, as well as the netball court. This will clearly depict exclusivity of use and require the sports clubs to provide appropriate management control over each area.)

GLENTUNNEL HOLIDAY PARK

The lease for this portion of the Domain signifies that the lessee occupies the land to operate a holiday park and may make rules consistent with the Camping Ground Regulations 1985 and any Bylaws of the Selwyn District Council (the lessor), but with the prior approval of the Council. The lease commenced on 22 October 1993 for a term of six years with right of extension. Selwyn District Council manages the lease, with the lessee responsible for all management, development and operational plus maintenance costs, including insurance fees. The lessee before carrying out or executing any works, improvements, building additions including alterations, first requires the consent of the Council. This also includes the cutting, removal or destruction of any trees or shrubs. The lease provides for the general public including campers to access the Selwyn River through the Holiday Park, with the lessee required to provide any necessary vehicle parking. The lease also assigns rights to the lessee to

⁹ South Malvern Cemetery, Darfield Genealogy and Family History Group

evict any person from the holiday park due to any unreasonable or objectionable behaviour or who fails to comply with any lawful request.

AFFORESTATION

The Reserve Management Committee has an investment in a substantial number of woodlots throughout the Domain. It also has a share in two woodlots within or adjacent the lease area of the Hororata Golf Club.

The following is a woodlot inventory:

AREA	SIZE	VARIETY	HARVEST DATE	
Block A	.55ha	Macrocarpa	2070	Major maintenance replanting required
Block B	1.99ha	Pinus Radiata	2030	Maintenance/pruning required
Block C	.9ha	Pinus Radiata	2030	Maintenance/pruning required
Block D	.28ha*	Douglas Fir	2020	Shared Golf Club, well maintained
Block E	.55ha	Douglas Fir	2020	Shared Golf Club, well maintained
Block F	.26ha	Douglas Fir	2020	Pruning required
Block G	.88ha	Pinus Radiata	2030	Major maintenance/pruning/thinning required
Block H	.77ha	Pinus Radiata	2030	As above for Block G.
Block I	3.67ha	Pinus Radiata	2013	Owned by SDC.
Block J	1.71ha	Pinus Radiata	2013	Owned by SDC.

- Situated on the south west side of the Homebush Road tree line and does not include this line of trees that is now proposed to be designated as an amenity plantation.
- See GPS map page 3 to identify area of each block.

PART TWO – POLICY SECTION

ADMINISTRATION

Action Supported:

The Reserve Committee will maintain a development and management framework around three aspects:

- Commercial woodlot development;*
- Amenity including increased native plantings and*
- Promoting leisure and recreation opportunities.*

The forthcoming challenge of the Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee is to implement a “plan” that will maintain, develop and protect for future generations a unique woodland area that has served the district for well over a hundred years. Community responses have clearly indicated that the preparation of a “management plan” is well supported with acceptance that a portion of the Domain be used to plant out commercial tree crops as well as plantings that support environmental and amenity use.

The Reserves Committee proposes to consult appropriate or where a major development will occur and will alert the community either via the local media or by a letter box delivery.



MANAGEMENT ASPECTS

Action Supported:

Once adopted use the Management Plan as its guiding document regarding maintenance and redevelopment initiatives.

The Reserve Management Committee has been supported by the Selwyn District Council to produce this document. The “plan” has been completed with input through consultation and acceptance of the community. Should there be an identified change required, the Reserves Act requires the Committee to seek further input and discussion with the community.

Community responses has sought the Reserve Committee to plan carefully and judiciously including more appropriate maintenance regimes. The “Maintenance and Development Planning” schedule has been designed to illustrate priorities, taking into account when funding is likely to be available. The Committee acknowledges that it may be necessary at some time in the future to seek additional funds for development, outside those that it is able to generate. Should this occur the Reserve Committee has the option of asking the Council to increase the Coalgate/Glentunnel reserves rate levy that is currently \$22.50 per property. The community would then be able to make a submission within the Councils annual plan process to either challenge or support the Committee’s explanation provided for the increase.

Action Supported:

Redevelop the derelict toilet block as an implement shed.

With the support of the Combined Sports Clubs the Reserve Management Committee will redevelop the disused toilets adjacent to the sports pavilion as an implement and caretaker’s workshop. The facility will remain under the management and care of the Reserve Committee.

Action Supported:

Liaise with the Golf Clubs management committee regarding the best method to restrict unauthorised vehicle access to the Homebush/Coaltrack Road amenity woodlot that may also assist with golf course security.

The Golf Club advises that it wishes to increase security and restrict direct motor vehicle access onto its course. The Committee sees it as an opportunity to discuss the option with the Club and to look at a post and cable fence along the Homebush/Coaltrack Road frontage. This may also restrict the long-term storage or the unauthorised parking of vehicles and or machinery storage along this boundary.

Action Supported

That the Reserve Management Committee maintains a watching brief and where necessary consult with the community should issues arise that may affect or restrict use of the Reserve.

The issues of the proposed CPW irrigation scheme will be subject to sections of the Reserves Act and the Resource Management Act. Once a management plan is in place there will be a requirement to fully consult and seek approval from the adjacent community to bring about changes to the adopted “management plan”. The Committee as the guardian of the reserve would seek to protect this interest on behalf of the community. As with the retention of the Queen’s Chain a watching brief will be kept on any likely change proposed.

The issue of grazing on land adjacent the South Malvern Cemetery where there is one headstone and 24 unmarked gravesites in the separately fenced area is of concern. However the Reserve Committee has no jurisdiction in this matter, with complaints required to be referred to both the Coalgate and Glentunnel Township Committees or the Council.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Actions Supported:

That the Reserve Management Committee will firstly give preference to its own financial needs to maximize Domain development and maintenance requirements.

That the Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee adopts the stated community support grants policy.

The Committees “management plan” now contributes to the Council’s LTCCP planning requirements. As outlined the plan illustrates proposed development and maintenance strategies. These proposals now allow the Reserve Committee to ascertain its funding and projected expenditure requirements. To achieve the goals will require the Committee to give preference to its budgetary needs. In confirming a grants support policy with senior Council staff confirmation was received, that funds gained from the residential rating levy must be utilised for Domain maintenance and development. Only those funds received from development/cash in lieu funds and timber sales may be distributed as grants to local organisations. There is a requirement to consult the community and in particular the Glentunnel Township Committee regarding the allocation or utilisation of development/cash in lieu funds. Where surplus funds from these sources are not required for additional Domain maintenance and or redevelopment, consideration will be given to making these available as grants to local organisations. The following priority order for consideration of grant requests by applicants shall apply as per the following:

- a) Community organisations based within the Glentunnel Domain.
- b) Community organisations that utilise Glentunnel Domain.
- c) Community organisations that are based within the Glentunnel Domain reserve rating district and provide a service or activity to the residents of the Glentunnel district.
- d) Community organisations that provide a service to the residents of the Glentunnel district.

Applicant organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation and be a registered incorporated society or charitable trust. Such grants should not be used to support an individual person, or for secondary distribution to a third party, travel expenses, or debt repayment. The Management Committee may consider applications from non-registered groups and, where a grant is approved, will make direct payments to the supplier of those goods or services and not the applicant.

Prior to grant allocations being made, opportunities will be discussed with applicant groups to assist the Reserve Management Committee with minor maintenance or improvements within

the reserve. Where health and safety factors are unlikely to be contravened this quid pro quo arrangement is to be supported.



DEVELOPMENT/GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Action Supported:

Adopt the Landscape Development Plan as supported by community responses with an emphasis on maintaining and preserving the Homebush and Coaltrack Road tree line as an amenity woodlot.

The Reserve Committee will implement its commissioned landscape development plan to cover the Homebush/Coalgate Road tree line, the playground precinct and the park space entry point to the sports area and Holiday Park that is parallel to Domain Road. The Hall Rebuilding Committee also supports the inclusion and linkage of the Hall grounds within this “plan.” The Landscape Plan requires all unwanted secondary growth, self-sown, dead or damaged trees, throughout the Homebush and Coaltrack Road amenity woodlot to be removed. This includes the area behind the playground precinct. As per community discussions a number of the malformed mixed pine species on the Homebush/Coaltrack Road frontage will be removed. Professional advice (because of their maturity) and community responses supported a small number of the larger Douglas Fir specimens to be harvested. The Committee also proposes to limb up and carry out remedial maintenance, particularly along the Homebush Road tree line frontage. Planning will take into account the planting of deciduous trees for spring and autumn colour, on a re-grassed road verge. The removal of unwanted specimens will also allow an improved vista through to the golf course.

The retention of these trees as an amenity woodlot has widespread support not only to assist and enhance bird life but also help maintain a striking backdrop on entering Glentunnel.

In conjunction with the Golf Clubs Management Committee some thinning will occur at a number of points to allow course-teeing grounds and greens to receive increased sun and light during winter to help these areas with frost thaw as well as snow melt. Trees affected are adjacent the No. 16, No. 1 and No 2 tees and the No. 1 green.

Action Supported:

*The harvesting of a majority of the mature Macrocarpa tree line will be milled.
Selected specimens to remain to ensure coverage or to help encourage birdlife.*

Firstly the removal of the Macrocarpa will allow planting of a further amenity woodlot alongside the golf course boundary to grow and mature as a replacement for when the existing trees deteriorate, or with progressive removals because of age or safety needs. Secondly the Macrocarpa will provide revenue to assist with the proposed developments and increased maintenance.

Action Supported:

Provide appropriate signage to identify entry points or points of interest.

It is the intention where necessary to have provided environmentally appropriate routed wooden signs to help identify Domain entry points and areas of significance.

Action Supported;

Look to increase native plantings within amenity plantings.

Because of community support the Management Committee will incorporate increased native plantings that may attract additional native bird-life, targeting the area alongside the bank at the rear of the community hall, the sports oval and children's playground. The development of the bridge paddock area (now to be named Joyce's Reserve) will incorporate a major native afforestation planting initiative.

Action Supported:

Further investigate the cost and content of an interpretation panel in conjunction with the Glentunnel Township and the Malvern Historical Museum Committee.

Through liaison with local groups and the Hall Committee, the provision of an historical interpretation panel will be investigated. The area most likely considered for its site would be adjacent the community hall.

Action Supported:

Develop the bridge paddock area (adjacent Selwyn River Bridge/Whitecliffs Road) as a park of significance and name the area Joyce's Reserve.

The planned development for this section of the Domain is to create an attractive park like setting with a backdrop of native plantings. Within the grassed frontage an off-road car park will be formed with native afforestation occurring initially on the top plateau and then down the bank to border the commercial woodlot on the lower plateau. An accessway leading to the Selwyn Rural Water Supply pump station and a lower level grassed picnic area will be formed adjacent the stop bank. The upper car park provides views towards the Upper Selwyn, Mount Misery, Flagpole and the Wairiri Valley and is principally designed as a rest area or to access

the start of the Domain walking track. Overnight camping will not be permitted in this area. It is also planned to improve the existing wetland adjacent Surveyor's Creek on the lower plateau with appropriate native plantings and the removal of all willow and non-native species from this area. Advice and support regarding the planting of appropriate native species has been received from the Department of Conservation's head botanist.

The proposal to name this area *Joyce's Reserve* in acknowledgement of a lifetime of community service to local organisations provided by Ian and Betty Joyce has been accepted.

Action Supported:

Request the Council to create a local purpose (utility) reserve to acknowledge use of this portion of the reserve for a local water supply scheme purposes.

In regard to the pump house on the lower terrace, the access driveway to the building and sump requires under the Reserves Act to have an easement created within the reserve title. The area about the pump house also requires it to be set aside as a local purpose utility reserve. Because the Council operates a transparent budget process, it is expected that the cost for this process (the easement and utility reserve formation), including driveway to the pump house, would be met as an expense by the water scheme's controlling authority.

On the following page the layout illustrates the proposed development for Joyce's Reserve:



Action Supported:

Realignment of the roadway to the sports pavilion car park at the rear of the netball/tennis court.

The Committee will ask the Selwyn District Council to investigate the benefit and cost of realignment and widening the roadway to allow buses to access the car park adjacent the sports pavilion. Because of the position of the netball/tennis court it may involve claiming a small corner portion of the leased holiday camp area.

RECREATION

Action Supported:

Investigate a preferred siting of a netball/tennis court within the Domain.

As the existing base of the hard court area is in an unsatisfactory condition the Committee wishes to investigate the appropriateness and retention of the court on the existing site. The current position creates a number of issues regarding access to the immediate area adjacent and including parking, by the sports pavilion. Once resolved the hard court would be included within the Combined Sports Club (the netball club is a constituent member) extended lease area (see page 23). This would require the Club to accept management responsibilities for the facility. In regard to casual use by the local community and Holiday Park patrons the Reserve Committee will facilitate discussions to establish how the Club should it allow casual use, be reimbursed.

Action Supported:

*Provision of a BMX track adjacent the playground requires further investigation.
Consider the establishment of an area where natural ice will form during the winter.*

The provision of a BMX track next to the playground is not supported. The Committee proposes to give further consideration to identify a more appropriate site, where less conflict exists with other users and is away from the flow of motor vehicles.

While the idea of a natural ice pond was supported the Committee has declined to support the proposal because it was felt that the proposed area due to selective removal of trees would allow the sun to penetrate the area and not allow natural freezing to occur. Recent requirements created by health and safety issues also deterred support for this idea.

Action Supported:

The development and provision of walking tracks where appropriate.

In line with widespread community support, develop and maintain a walking track initially commencing from Joyce's Reserve, through the plantation at the rear of the school property, exiting at the Sports Oval/Holiday Park entry point, then running alongside Domain Road, passing the rear of the playground, along Homebush and ending at the Coaltrack Road boundary. A possible linkage to either the Coalgate or Millennium Walkways could eventuate but would need to be initiated and promoted by the local township committees. (See walkway route, Map Page 3.)

Action Supported:

Creating a family area in conjunction with the Playground and the provision of additional picnic tables.

As part of the Landscape Development Plan adopted the Reserve Committee proposes to remove selected trees and provide additional picnic tables and seating. The woodland effect would be retained with intent to make the area more open and thereby prevent possible problems of “stranger danger” occurring in a thick wooded area at the rear. Additional planting using a combination of deciduous trees for spring and autumn colourings plus natives including low growing specimens along the front post and rail boundary is intended.

HOLIDAY PARK**Action Supported:**

Retain a wilderness aspect as well as support a planting programme to replace the willows that are fast deteriorating.

The Reserve Management Committee has no authority or responsibilities in relation to the maintenance and management aspects of the 10-hectare holiday park as this is between the lessee and the Council. However the Council requested that a planting programme be designed as part of the landscape plan that the Committee commissioned. This was completed and now provides a three-year programme of selected plantings from 2004. The Council has allocated from its own annual budget the sum of \$1,000 over three years from 2004, to meet this cost.

Action Supported:

Implement improved maintenance programmes of the Sports Oval and its surrounds.

The Council on behalf of the Reserve Committee established a Deed of Lease in 1994 with the Holiday Park lessee, allocating use of the Committees Massey Ferguson 165 Tractor and



Moller Rotary mower unit. The lease has since lapsed. The object of this arrangement was to allow the Holiday Park operator to carry out grass mowing/maintenance of the sports oval and its surrounds. In lieu of payment for this work, utilise the machinery for use around the Holiday Park. This involved mowing all areas to the left of the roadway between the Domain Road entry point and the pavilion. A mowing regime was instituted ensuring the grass growth did not exceed 150mm in height and a mowing height of 60mm was maintained. It has been recognised by the Reserves Committee that this arrangement now requires revision and renegotiation, to include mowing and maintenance regimes at Joyce's and Coalgate Reserve that takes into account a requirement to maintain a visual and tidy appearance.

The Committee intends to approach the Council through the Malvern Community Board to seek a percentage of the Holiday Park lease/rental return. The Committee considers that this is justified as holiday park patrons utilise the Domain and its facilities including the netball/tennis court. These funds would be utilised as a contribution to maintain the upkeep and on-going maintenance of the grounds and facilities.

HORORATA GOLF COURSE

Actions Supported:

The Reserve Management Committee with the assistance of the Council renegotiate the Hororata Golf Club lease.

As a result of the Clubs lease expiring in 2003 the Reserve Committee assisted by the Council is currently reviewing the lease for renewal. It is intended that the lease will continue to assign to the Club the responsibility of ongoing maintenance and care within the designated lease area. However, dependant on the type of future development, the golf club would likely require Reserve Management Committee/Council approval and in some cases a Resource Consent should land sculpting or land reconstruction, etc be proposed.

The Reserve Management Committee acknowledges that the Club is currently embarking on its own long-term course development plan. Community submissions received relating to community proposals have been forwarded to the club for its own consideration or action.

The Reserve Committee proposes to maintain a partnership with the Golf Club with the two joint woodlot blocks.

COMBINED SPORTS CLUBS/SPORTS OVAL

Action Supported:

Acknowledging the contribution of local resident Andrew Scott.

The Reserve Committee proposes to erect a rock cairn adjacent the entry point to the Holiday Park on the north side of the roadway to acknowledge the philanthropy and support of local resident Andrew Scott. The plaque would state: "This plaque dedicates this area as the *Andrew Scott Recreation Oval* in recognition of the contribution and assistance provided to establish facilities within Glentunnel Domain."

Action Supported:

Develop in consultation with the Combined Sports Club an appropriate “deed” to acknowledge the Clubs dedicated use of facilities.

The Reserve Committee proposes an extension to the current deed to acknowledge the Sports Clubs’ right to dedicated use of sections of the Domain. Currently such an arrangement covers only the building footprint of the sports pavilion. Other areas that may be included are the Clubs proposed barbeque area, the practice wicket and cricket block, the netball court and the playing areas within the sports oval. The object is to have management and maintenance responsibilities including asset control clearly articulated. This will then provide clear management responsibilities to be outlined regarding management control including maintenance upkeep.

A second hard court parallel to the existing court is not supported due to restrictions of space caused by the roadway and adjacent sports field.

Action Supported:

Effective management of casual use of Domain facilities.

The Reserve Committee accepts that it has the responsibility for an overview of casual use by residents and visitors alike within the Domain. As with the golf club, that club accepts its responsibilities for the upkeep and resourcing of its activity requirements to members needs. Once these existing facilities are assigned to the Combined Sports Club, where casual use occurs, the Reserve Committee would acknowledge this through a negotiated support role.

Negotiations with the Council have commenced to seek a share of the Holiday Park lease income. Funds forwarded to the Reserves Committee would then be used (or distributed as appropriate) for the upgrade and maintenance of facilities used by Holiday Park patrons. This may also apply to income received from external or visiting groups using space within the public areas of the Domain

Action Supported:

More effective maintenance regimes within the Sports Oval and picnic area.

The requirement and implementation of an improved maintenance regime is acknowledged. The Reserve Committee believes that with the consideration and development of a new maintenance contract that will include the sports and picnic area, as well as Joyce’s and Coalgate Reserve will meet this requirement. The current arrangement of the Holiday Park operator utilizing the committee’s machinery and carrying out maintenance in the sports and picnic area under the (expired) lease arrangement will be reviewed.

Sports groups using the pavilion will be requested to assist the Reserve Committee ensure the area is left clean and tidy particularly after sports events and that rubbish is removed.

Once implemented a contract clearly delineate and clearly articulate maintenance requirements. Self seeded and secondary growth including noxious weeds will be removed.

WATERWAYS/RIVERBANKS

Action Supported:

In conjunction with the Council and Hororata Golf Club increased riverbank tree maintenance of the existing willows is proposed.

This will also involve maintaining checks on the new Surveyors Creek stopbank as well as replacement plantings and maintenance the Hororata Golf Clubs Selwyn River boundary.

Where trees lie within the river and pose a likely threat to safety of the down stream Coalgate Bridge Street Bridge they will be reported to the Council for removal.

As the early 1900's fishpond adjacent to the No. 18 golf tee is within the lease area of the Holiday Park the Reserve Committee considers that maintenance of this area rests with the Holiday Park lessee.



AFFORESTATION/TREE CROPS/AMENITY PLANTING

Actions Supported:

Retention of the Homebush/Coaltrack Road woodlot for its amenity and environmental value.

Mill the Macrocarpa tree line and provide replacement plantings.

As indicated previously the Reserve Committee recognises the value to local residents and importance as a visual backdrop that the tree line provides as you enter Glentunnel. Its retention as a habitat for birds is also supported. With the proposed removal of the Macrocarpa line this will allow the Reserve Committee to start replacement planting for the future along the golf course boundary. Advice received indicates this will allow an advantage of some 15 to 20 years growth before the life of the remaining life of the woodlot needs to be reviewed.

Harvesting the Macrocarpa will also allow the Reserve Committee to gain much needed revenue to meet the costs of this “plans” proposals.

Both the Brailsford and Hardwick¹⁰ reports estimate that the majority of the Homebush tree line has a remaining life of up to 30 years. As part of a maintenance regime all creepers, secondary undergrowth, dead, diseased and damaged trees will be progressively removed. Trees on the outer borders will be pruned of lower heavy boughs to protect from wind or snow damage.

The advice sought from Selwyn Plantation Board staff is to remove a small number of very large and mature Douglas Firs now before they deteriorate and suffer internal decay at their foot. Selective removal will occur of a range of pine species along the frontage, particularly those that are damaged or misshapen.

Again some selected thinning will occur adjacent the proposed community hall site to help with a greater visual linkage when approaching the Hall and its car park. This will encourage drivers to use the car park while accessing the proposed public toilet and through a linking walkway, utilise the family area adjacent the playground.

With the provision of additional picnic tables and seating the area will become an attractive stop off place and could be used both by hall users and residents alike.

Action Supported:

Develop a maintenance programme to protect amenity areas and woodlot investments to maximize returns.

With the development of a maintenance plan and the allocation of specific funds within its budget the Committee now have an opportunity to set in place a regular regime. Initial expenditure will be high, leveling off once maintenance requirements are achieved.

The **Afforestation Section** table shows a basic summary of maintenance requirements for each woodlot. This includes thinning, spraying undergrowth, pruning and removal of dead or diseased stock.

Action Supported:

Develop, maintain and manage a recreation reserve that is unique to the district.

The mix of commercial woodlots, that will provide a valuable return when milled, and a range of passive and physical recreation opportunities make Glentunnel Domain a unique facility. The ongoing and successful management of the reserve will rely on community volunteers to maintain management and development programmes within the Domain. Providing open communication occurs amongst the community and a willingness to contribute the future of the reserve can be determined by local residents. With judicious use of professional help and effective Council support there is an opportunity to continue what past forebears have achieved.

Action Supported:

Implement planting programmes using appropriate species including natives, for amenity areas based on appropriate professional advice.

¹⁰ Refer Appendix Three

Where necessary the Reserve Committee will seek appropriate advice and guidance when planning woodlot replacement species before replanting that would take into account current and future market demands and requirements. When planting out amenity areas species appropriate to enhance bird life, beautification and that are environmentally acceptable will be considered.

The Management Plan illustrates planting proposals for specific areas such as Joyce's Reserve, the Sport Oval and the Homebush/Coaltrack Road frontage. As indicated elsewhere the area about the playground will be redeveloped with the removal of a number of existing trees. Where appropriate additional natives as well as deciduous plantings may occur. Other areas devoid of plantings and not required for recreational use will be identified and progressively included in planting programmes.

In consultation with the Hororata Golf Club discussions will be held to consider additional species such as *oak*, *acacia*, *alder*, *elm* and *eucalyptus fastiga* bordering the banks of the Selwyn River.

Responses indicate that Glentunnel Domain has its own charm. It is intended to maintain this outlook. Additional plantings of exotics and natives that include deciduous species will be planned as part of the long-term replacement proposals. Plantings within the Glentunnel Holiday Park are not the responsibility of the Reserve Management Committee.

Action Supported:

Maintain a share arrangement with commercial woodlot plantings.

The Reserve Committee intends to maintain and continue its current partnership arrangement with the Hororata Golf Club in regard to shared afforestation projects. The following woodlots that are likely to be milled around 2015, are joint Reserve Committee/Golf Club projects:

0.28ha Douglas fir woodlot adjacent & right of No 16 fairway. Planted about 1975

0.47ha Douglas fir woodlot adjacent & right of No 10 fairway. Planted about 1975.

Where the milling of existing woodlots or a tree line occurs it is the intention to replant when and where possible subject to finance availability and with appropriate species.

PROPOSED MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT PLANS

SECTION ONE:

The Sports Oval roadway/Car Park, including Netball/Tennis Court

FACILITY	SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTIONS	STATUS
Sports Oval	Maintenance and mowing programme requires review.	Mowing tender to be let
Roadway/Car Park	Council responsibility, overlay of road surface. Grass verge maintenance Committees responsibility.	Ongoing Mtc/Mowing tender to be let
Fences/Gates	Maintenance	Ongoing
Walking Tracks	Maintenance and formation from Joyce Reserve, rear of playground to Cemetery reserve.	To action (seek assistance from PD Centre).
Landscaping	Continue maintenance about Playground woodlot and both sides of community car park. New Project - Construct boulder mound and plant out with natives. Design similar to east side mound.	Ongoing Request Township Committee to fund.
Old Toilet Block	Develop as Grounds maintenance depot and provide paraplegic toilet to allow Sports Pavilion to comply with requirements.	Committee to continue with proposal when funds improve
Golf Club	Council has lease review under action.	Completed
Woodlot/Tree Line	Selective milling programme contract let.	Under action Oct 2008
Roadway and Hard Court area	Resiting of hard court and realignment of Roadway. Court base needs re-forming. Roadway to be realigned to allows large vehicles to access car park.	Letter to lessee of H/Park offering use for patrons & maintenance responsibilities
Roadway/Car Park	Reseal/Overlay. Council action.	Action 2012 by SDC
Domain Road Entry Point	Removal of 2 macrocarpa trees and replanting appropriate trees	Completed
Rock Cairn	Establish cairn to acknowledge volunteer contribution. Suggest place behind Community Centre.	Resite to Joyce Reserve
Afforestation	Area B, delete as now in Golf Club area. Area A, delete. Woodlot has recovered. Area C, place on hold and subject to available funds.	Delete Delete Review area, may not be suitable

Actions Supported:

Development:

- Adoption of the Mahoney Landscape Plan that involves: Domain Road: Planting replacements on the eastern side of the existing Macrocarpa tree line.
- Milling of the eastern line of Douglas Firs, Domain boundary with No. 17 fairway of the golf course. Replacement plantings of Douglas Fir to be completed.
- Discuss with the Council to realign the Domain's internal roadway at the rear of the Netball/Tennis Court to allow buses easier access to the sports pavilion car park. This may require realigning the holiday park boundary. (Subject to hard court being resited.)
- Extending the lease footprint of the sports clubs area to include the cricket practice wicket (as well as the proposed barbeque area) and the netball court. Again this provides legal tenure including the responsibility and rights of access to these areas for their members.
- Redeveloping the derelict toilet block into a maintenance base and implement shed. As well retain one toilet to provide an external disabled toilet facilities.
- The provision of a walking track commencing at Joyce's Reserve, passing the rear of the primary school property exiting at the Domain Road entry point, passing behind the playground and along the Homebush Road tree line road frontage ending at the Coaltrack Road boundary.
- Establish a rock cairn to acknowledge work/contribution of Andrew Scott.

Afforestation

- It is proposed to plant out three areas (Afforestation A, B and C) to complete existing unused sections of the reserve. The planting out of Area A and C, is proposed to use a gum variety due to the nature of the ground and flood conditions.

SECTION TWO:

Homebush Road Tree Line, Community Hall Grounds, Children's Playground and the Domain entry point (as per the Landscape Concept Plan):

FACILITY	ACTION	DATE
Homebush Rd* Woodlot	Woodlot Maintenance	Ongoing
Homebush Road Grass berm	Frontage mowing programme requires to be developed.	Mowing tender to be let
Homebush Rd Woodlot	Walkway establishment (within Domain). Contact to be made with PD Centre for assistance.	Continue action
Homebush Rd Woodlot	Selective thinning and landscape development of woodlot.	Continue action
Homebush Rd Woodlot	Additional and replanting programme, now delayed until Thinning programme complete	Continue action
Homebush Rd Woodlot	Macrocarpa line harvesting	Complete

FACILITY	ACTION	DATE
Playground	Provide Seating/Tables within Playground Landscape plan development	Delete action, not necessary Continue action
Playground	Upgrade by Council in LTCCP.	SDC to action 2012

* Homebush Road tree line includes area from Domain Road entry point to Coal Track Road.

Development

- Milling of a small number of selected mature Douglas Fir and mixed pine varieties in the Homebush Road tree line.
- The milling of the majority of Macrocarpa along the golf course boundary including removal of mixed pine varieties along the Homebush Road frontage. It is proposed to remove the Macrocarpa before the rebuilding of the community hall commences.
- Creating an undulating line along the Homebush Road frontage with an improved grass verge. Where possible the planting of deciduous trees for Autumn and Spring colour.
- The limbing of lower branches and removal of secondary or self-sown and noxious weed growth to allow an improved vista of the golf course.
- In line with the Landscape Plan the removal of a number of selected specimens to allow a natural visual linkage of the hall and playground.
- To assist the Hororata Golf Club remove selected specimens to assist with snow melt and frost thaw shadowing selected greens and tees.
- The removal of selected specimens at the rear of the playground (to reduce the event of stranger danger) and alongside to allow the development of a family area with tables and seating. This will also involve the planting of natives and selected deciduous trees.
- The establishment of the proposed walking track through this area.

Afforestation

- No additional commercial woodlots planned in this area with the exception of replanting where appropriate.

Maintenance

- Carry out remedial maintenance that includes pruning of lower branches, clearing secondary growth, noxious weeds and dead or diseased trees.

SECTION THREE:

Joyce's Reserve (the bridge paddocks native planting/amenity area development).

FACILITY	ACTION	DATE
Roadway (to Pump House)	Track base formation responsibility of Hororata Waster Committee	Query SDC Action
Reserve Development	Native afforestation. Replacements only required.	Complete
Joyce Reserve Mowing	Maintain mowing regime.	Mowing tender to be let
Rubbish Removal	Remove rubbish in under growth down bank.	On hold

FACILITY	ACTION	DATE
Fence Removal	Derelict fence line.	Complete
Reserve Entry Adjust Boundary	Form entry point. Realign boundary.	Complete Complete
Pump House Land Surrounds	Re-designate land, local purpose reserve, Council responsibility	Query SDC Action
Reserve Signage	Signage	Complete
Commemorative Plaque	Volunteers acknowledgment cairn, propose to resite in Joyce Res.	To be actioned
Picnic ground tables/seating on lower Plateau by well	Not favoured by Council or Water Committee due to security issues. Now designated access for fishermen	Delete proposal
Car Park/Keyhole	Formation of rest area. Base course laid. Complete overlay with road chip Lay boulders on edge of keyhole	Complete Hold UFI Action complete
Post and Rail	Establish on boundary.	Hold UFI
Reserve (lower plateau and bank)	Native Afforestation to continue, subject to funds	Hold UFI
Afforestation	Area A, review if necessary. Area C, review if necessary. Check both areas for suitability (flood prone)	Hold UFI
Maintenance	Lower Plateau pruning. General maintenance and removal/spraying of noxious weeds.	Complete Ongoing
New Project Litter Control Picnic Tables & Planting	Install sign "Leave no litter". Consider table and native shade trees	Action approved Action approved

Development

- Commence a three-stage native afforestation project on this section of the reserve. Stage 1 on the upper plateau; Stage 2 on the bank; and Stage 3 on the lower plateau including enhancing the wetland adjacent Surveyors Creek.
- Construct an accessway and car park off Homebush Road with mounded grass frontage with the native afforestation project as a backdrop.
- Implement post and cable fence.
- Negotiate with the Selwyn Rural Water Scheme Committee the formation of an accessway to their pumping station. Include in the proposal a grassed car park adjacent the water scheme sump/well on lower plateau as a picnic area with access over the stop bank to the river for swimming.
- Seek approval from Transit NZ for a formed accessway off Homebush Road to Joyce's Reserve. Transit NZ have advised that with the proposed developments on this part of the reserve that they may wish to realign approaches to bridge for improved visibility by approaching traffic.
- Discuss with the Council and the Water Scheme's Management Committee the formation of a Local Purpose Reserve (Utility Purposes) under the Reserves Act to acknowledge the physical use of this part of the reserve for water pumping purposes.

- Commence the Domain walking track from this area.

Afforestation

- Carry out new plantings in the area between existing woodlots Block B and C and south of Block C. (New Afforestation Areas A & C).

Maintenance

- Complete and maintain regular maintenance including noxious weed spraying on Woodlots A, B and C. Block A requires assessment as to the ability of the Macrocarpa as being a suitable variety to grow on this lower stony plateau adjacent the river.



SECTION FOUR:

Existing Woodlots. No change is recommended to the following proposals.

FACILITY	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE
Block A	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2040
		Replanting	2041
Block B	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2030
		Replanting	2031
Block C	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2030
		Replanting	2031
Block D	Reserve Committee/Golf Club	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2020
		Replanting	2021
Block E	Reserve Committee/Golf Club	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2020
		Replanting	2021
Block F	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2013
		Replanting	2014
Block G	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2028
		Replanting	2029
Block H	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2028
		Replanting	2029
Block I & J	Woodlot ownership rests with Council		Delete Committee actions

Development

- Maintain effective management and maintenance programmes utilizing professional advice where necessary. Consider market values and best returns for sales of any woodlots milled or sold as standing or milled timber. Note: To achieve this all dates specified are subject to market strengths or demand including woodlot maturity.

Afforestation

- Replanting of milled woodlots will be carried out after professional advice has been obtained regarding the most appropriate species. It is likely that the Reserves Committee will contract and or tender for professional services regarding milling and log sales. Currently the Reserve Committee has had confirmed that the Council owns

the woodlot on Block I and J. Once this woodlot is milled the Committee will plant out.

Maintenance

- Annual budgets will be revised to ensure appropriate funds are set aside for regular maintenance. Professional contractors will be used where appropriate for silva culture services.

SECTION FIVE:

Projected Milling Programme

TASK	ACTION	STATUS
Homebush Rd	Selective milling	Under action Oct 08
Homebush Rd	Macrocarpa line	Complete
<u>Stage Two:</u>		
Playground	Selective milling	Under action Oct 2008
Domain Road	Macrocarpa Maintenance	Complete/Ongoing
Boundary Golf/ Sports Oval	Selective milling part line. Replanting part line.	Under action Oct 2008 To be actioned
<u>Stage Three:</u>		
Golf/Sports Oval	Selective milling remaining line. Date revised. Replanting remaining line. Date revised.	To be actioned 2020/21 To be actioned 2009
<u>Stage Four:</u>		
Reserve 41685 Block I & J	Ownership rests with Council.	Delete
<u>Stage Five:</u> All subject to negotiations with Golf Club		
Shared Woodlots Block D		
Shared Woodlot Block E		
Block F		

THE FINANCIAL IMPACT

The maintenance and general development proposals outlined in this document are likely to be at a substantial cost. (Estimated and combined with the Coalgate Reserve Management Plan the expenditure is likely to be in the vicinity of \$120,000 commencing 2004/05 for the 10-year life of this document.) It is anticipated that with selective timber harvesting, either as millable timber or firewood, will see a sufficient financial return to meet projected developmental costs for both the Coalgate and Glentunnel reserves. The funds gained will be used to assist priority developments as outlined in the “Maintenance and Development Plan” section. Where milling has occurred replacement afforestation and or amenity tree planting will be planned.

Because of proposed increases in maintenance and development costs it is unlikely that the Reserves Committee will have surplus funds available for community grant distribution in the short-term.

The Reserve Committee’s major annual income is through the Council’s rateable charge. The present income from this source is achieved from 209 rateable properties with a levy of \$22.50 per property. District Council management staff advise that the rate funds received must be used for domain development, maintenance and improvement expenditure and are not available for redistribution as community grants. The “Capital Equipment Reserve” (currently \$38,804, 2003/04 figure) is not available for redistribution as grant money. The “Ex Malvern Land Subdivision Fund” (\$8004, 2004/05 figure) and the “Reserve Contributions-Subdivisions” (\$3326, 2003/04 figure) may be considered and utilised for grant allocations where approval of the community is sought including responses from the Glentunnel Township Committee. The Reserve Committee currently proposes to retain these funds for its own Domain Management Plan developments unless its revenue stream improves.

Other sources of income involve “hire fees & charges” and the lease income from the Hororata Golf Club. It should also be noted that within the Reserve Committee’s existing budget, the sum of \$3000 remains from an initial amount (ex-\$10,000) for Coalgate Reserve developments. During 2003 the majority of Coalgate Reserve was afforested at a cost of around \$7000.

The Committee is faced with maximizing returns from timber sales to source additional revenue to achieve completion of the proposals contained in the “plan”.

<p>All proposed development plans in this Management Plan are subject to sufficient revenue being achieved. The Reserve Management Committee will be reluctant to request the Council to increase the household rate levy apart from inflation adjustments to meet proposed developmental costs stated in this proposal.</p>

MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW:

The Reserve Committee will review this plan at three yearly intervals and update its proposals. The proposed dates are:

- **October 2007**
- **October 2011**
- **October 2014**

As required by the Reserves Act any departure from the proposed actions outlined in this “Plan” will need to be communicated through community consultation before actioned. However, the Selwyn District Council under provisions in the Reserves Act may determine this process as being unnecessary.

ANNUAL BUDGETS

These are required to be prepared and submitted annually through the Council’s budget process and are therefore available at that time for community scrutiny. These budgets are prepared on current known costs. With the support of Councils management staff because of ongoing inflationary charges, market increases and likely variable returns a budget has not been included in this publication. This information is either available through the Reserve Management Committee’s Secretary or through staff at the Council’s Darfield Service Centre.

APPENDICES

Appendix One

Submissions - The following residents provided a written submission either during the initial request or in response to the first draft of the management plans preparation:

Rosalie Snoyink	Neal Walker
Jan Lamb	John & Elaine Hoetjes
Judy McLeod	Dave & Ainslie Denton
Susan Smith	Don & Elizabeth Mitchell
Mervyn Hynam	Barry Mather
Colin Morris	Vicky Frost
John Morton	Stephen Inch
Noel Langridge	Robyn Langridge
Phillip Shaw	Ken & Barbara Howard
Andrew Scott	Elizabeth Connor
Jules Snoyink	Betty Joyce
Chris Hardwick	George Deans
Anonymous x7	

Community meeting: Some twenty residents attended a meeting held in the Hororata Golf Club in December 2003 to discuss maintenance and milling of selected specimens within the Homebush/Coalgate amenity woodlot. The meeting then inspected trees proposed for removal and those considered for removal.

Appendix Two

Discussions were held with

- The Selwyn Rugby Club
- The South Malvern Cricket Club
- The South Malvern Netball Club
- The Darfield Genealogy and Family History Club
- The Glentunnel Township Committee
- The Glentunnel Hall Rebuilding Committee

Appendix Three

The Project Team thanks the following for their willing professional and voluntary advice, comments and assistance, Messrs John Allen, Lewis Burn, Kelvin McMillan (Christchurch) and Barry Mather (Coalgate).

Appendix Four

References

The Hardwick Report, available from the Reserve Committee Secretary on request.
- Advice on amenity tree maintenance and planting.

The Brailsford Report, available from the Reserve Committee Secretary on request.
- Advice relating to tree crops and maintenance.

Simon Mahoney Landscape Design
- Landscape design proposals that included the Holiday Park.

The Glentunnel Holiday Park (lessee)

The Hororata Golf Club

Appendix Five

The Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserves Management Committee 2001/2003

Ian Joyce, Philip Shaw, Reg Anderson, Colleen Hynam (resigned May 2003), Mervyn Hynam Snr (resigned May 2003), David Mitchell, Paul McOscar; Daryl Smith and Elsa Stuart.

The appointed representatives are: Barry Mather (representing Coalgate) and Lois McAleer (representing Glentunnel Township Committee) joined the committee in October 2003. Steven Inch, South Malvern Cricket Club. Susan Smith, South Malvern Netball Club. Noel Langridge, Selwyn Rugby Football Club, Murray Inch (replaced by George Deans November 2003) Hororata Golf Club, John Morten, Malvern Community Board, Selwyn District Council.

The Reserves Management Committee Plan Project Team:

Paul McOscar (Project Team Co-ordinator), Reg Anderson and Daryl Smith.

Appendix Six

Prior Action Plans - June 2004 (out of date)

SECTION ONE:

The Sports Oval roadway/Car Park, including Netball/Tennis Court.

FACILITY:	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE
Sports Oval	Reserves Committee	Annual maintenance	Ongoing
Roadway/Car Park	Reserves Committee/SDC	Maintenance	Ongoing
Fences/Gates	Reserves Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
Walking Track	Reserves Committee	Formation/Maintenance	Ongoing
Landscaping	Reserve Committee	General Improvements	Ongoing Development
Netball Court	Sports Committee	Include in Sports Club lease (once site resolved)	2004/05
Cricket Wicket	Sports Committee	Include in Sports Club Lease	2004/05
Practice Wicket	Sports Committee	Include in Sports Club lease	2004/05
Barbeque Area (proposed)	Sports Committee	Include in Sports Club lease	2004/05
Old Toilet Block	Reserves Committee	Develop as grounds implement shed	2004/05
Golf Club	Reserves/Golf Committee	Rewrite/Renew lease	2004/05
Cairn	Reserves Committee	Acknowledge Andrew Scott's contribution	2006/07
Afforestation	Reserve Committee	Replanting (Area B) (Gum variety)	2006/07
Roadway	Reserve Committee/SDC	Realignment of Roadway (subject to hard court siting)	2006/07
Roadway/Car Park	Reserves Committee/SDC	Reseal/Overlay	2011/12

SECTION TWO:

Homebush Road Tree Line, Community Hall Grounds, Children's Playground and the Domain entry point (Mahoney Landscape Plan):

FACILITY	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE
	Reserves Committee	Verge/Grass Mowing	Ongoing
	Reserves Committee	Walkway establishment & maintenance	Ongoing
	Reserves Committee	Landscape Plan development	Ongoing
	Reserves Committee	Seating/Tables	Ongoing
	Reserves Committee	Additional re-Planting	2004/05/06
Tree Line	Reserves Committee	Macrocarpa line harvesting	2005/06

FACILITY	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE
Playground	Reserves Committee	Landscape plan development	2006/07
Playground	Reserves Committee/SDC	Upgrade	2010/11

SECTION THREE:

Joyce's Reserve (the bridge paddocks native planting/amenity area development.)

FACILITY	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE
Roadway (to Pump House)	Reserves/Selwyn Water Scheme	Track base formation	Ongoing
Reserve	Reserve Committee	Native afforestation	2004/05
Reserve	Reserve Committee	Mowing	Ongoing
Reserve	Reserve Committee	Rubbish Removal	2004/05
Reserve boundary	Reserve Committee	Fence removal (existing)	Actioned
Reserve frontage	Reserve Committee/ TransitNZ	Reserve entry (advise plan)	2004/05
Reserve/Road boundary	Reserve Committee/ TransitNZ	Boundary/bridge adjustments for visibility	2004/05
Macrocarpa woodlot Lower plateau	Reserve Committee	Assess sustainability and quality of growth	2005/06
Pump House Land Surrounds	Reserves Committee/ Council	Re-designate land, local purpose reserve	2005/06
Reserve frontage	Reserve Committee	Signage	2005/06
Car Park	Reserve Committee	Formation	2006/07
Reserve lower plateau	Reserve Committee	Picnic ground/car park	2006/07
Reserve frontage	Reserve Committee	Post and rail (new boundary)	2007/08
Reserve lower plateau	Reserve Committee	Native Afforestation	2007/08
Reserve lower plateau	Reserve Committee	Afforestation area A & C	2008/09

SECTION FOUR:

Proposed Woodlot Maintenance and Harvest Programme:

FACILITY	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION	DATE
Block A	Reserve Committee	Maintenance Milling Replanting	Ongoing 2040 2041
Block B	Reserve Committee	Maintenance Milling Replanting	Ongoing 2030 2031
Block C	Reserve Committee	Maintenance Milling Replanting	Ongoing 2030 2031
Block D	Reserve Committee/Golf Club	Maintenance	Ongoing

		Milling	2020
		Replanting	2021
Block E	Reserve Committee/Golf Club	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2020
		Replanting	2021
Block F	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2023
		Replanting	2024
Block G	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2028
		Replanting	2029
Block H	Reserve Committee	Maintenance	Ongoing
		Milling	2028
		Replanting	2029
Block I	SDC own current woodlot	Maintenance	NA
		Milling	2010
	Reserve Committee	Replanting	2011
Block J	SDC own current woodlot	Maintenance	NA
		Milling	2010
	Reserve Committee	Replanting	2011

SECTION FIVE:

Selected Harvesting Programme of Trees Situated Within Amenity Areas:

SITE	ACTIVITY	YEAR ESTIMATED	COMMENT
<u>Stage One:</u>			
Homebush Rd	Selective milling	2004/05	Selective thinning as advised in Landscape Plan
Homebush Rd	Macrocarpa line	2005/06	Harvesting
<u>Stage Two:</u>			
Playground	Selective milling	2004/05	Selective thinning
Domain Road	Macrocarpa Maintenance and liming up	2005/06	Firewood value only
Boundary Golf/ Sports Oval	Selective milling	2005/06	Harvest outer line only & replant
<u>Stage Three:</u>			
Golf/Sports Oval	Selective Milling	2011/12	Harvest inner line & Replant