

Statement of Proposal Proposed Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan 2023



Introduction

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is intending to develop a reserve management plan for the Mosgiel Recreation Area, which includes the Mosgiel Memorial Gardens, Mosgiel Memorial Park, Te Puna o Whakaehu, Peter Johnstone Park and the Murray Street Playground. It also includes the Silverstream Esplanade Reserve, a green area which allows pedestrians and cyclists to access the Mosgiel Recreation Area.

This statement of proposal sets out background information, what is being proposed, reasons for the proposal, how submissions on the proposal may be made and how long the consultation period will run for.

Management plans are a requirement under the Reserves Act 1977 to ensure proper management of reserves. It is also a requirement under the Act to consult with the public when a reserve management plan is being created or reviewed.

Currently all reserves within the Mosgiel Recreation Area are managed under the General Policies Reserve Management Plan and the Sports Ground Reserve Management Plan. In assessing Council's reserve management plans, it has been considered that a site-specific reserve management plan would support a more co-ordinated approach.

Background

In 2019, the Council designated Peter Johnstone Park (Reid Avenue), Mosgiel Memorial Park (Gordon Road) and Te Puna o Whakaehu (215 Gordon Road) as the Mosgiel Recreation Area to provide for a range of recreation and community uses. The designation combines each reserve into one area and gives us the flexibility to efficiently manage the area, including establishment of the new aquatic facility. Each reserve is a long-established sport and recreation space within Mosgiel.

Development of a site-specific reserve management plan for the Mosgiel Recreation Area will establish an overarching policy document outlining DCC's role in the current and future planning, development, and management of the area. The management plan will enable us to respond to the community's changing needs and requirements and to introduce best practice models and trends.

The area supports a mix of recreation and community activities including a library/community centre, playground and skate park, a grandstand and gymnasium providing changing rooms, toilets, function and meeting rooms, sport fields and several clubrooms, providing for a variety of sports including football, athletics, cricket and squash. The sports fields are used throughout the year. Although there is a large playground within the recreation area, we have already consulted on this through the Play Spaces Plan and Destination Playground consultations so we will only be addressing its location and management in the Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan consultation.

A large carpark separates Peter Johnstone Park from Mosgiel Memorial Park. There is also a large carpark within Mosgiel Memorial Park near the gymnasium and a smaller carpark next to the playground and library/community service centre. A carpark is part of Te Puna o Whakaehu.

The Silverstream Esplanade Reserve has been included in the plan as it provides a grassed link from the surrounding residential communities into the reserve.

What we are proposing

Under the Reserves Act 1977, we are required to give public notice of our intention to prepare a Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan and invite interested people and organisations to

provide feedback.

As well as advertising in the Otago Daily Times public notices section our intention to prepare a reserve management plan for the Mosgiel Recreation Area, we will notify media and call for feedback on social media and DCC's website. Parks and Recreation Services staff will be available to discuss the proposal and how submissions can be made.

Have your say

We would like to know what you think about how the reserves within the Mosgiel Recreation Area can be best used and managed. Your views will help shape the first draft of the management plan, which will have a further public engagement later in 2023. The submission period is from *Monday, 1 May 2023 to 5pm on Monday, 29 May 2023*.

How to give feedback

Online: <u>www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultaton</u>

Email: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz

Post:

Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan Submissions Parks and Recreation Services Attention: E Schonwald Dunedin City Council PO Box 5045 Dunedin 9054

• Deliver: to a DCC service centre or library.

For any queries, please email parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz

What happens next?

- The submission period is from Monday, 1 May to 5pm on Monday, 29 May 2023.
- Parks and Recreation staff will review feedback and prepare a draft Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan.
- Later in 2023, the draft plan will be notified for public consultation, with details about how to make submissions.

Please note: Your name and submission will be made public as part of the DCC's decision-making process. This information will be included in papers available to the public and the media but will only be used for the Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan consultation.

Late submissions may not be accepted.