

Statement of Proposal Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan



Introduction

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is seeking submissions on its Draft Mosgiel Recreation Reserve Management Plan (the draft plan). This Statement of Proposal provides background information, what is being proposed, reasons for the draft plan, explains how to make submissions, and specifies the duration of the consultation period.

The draft plan outlines the ways the DCC is proposing to improve the reserve (see Appendix A, the plan). The DCC considers the draft plan is the best way to manage the reserve.

Management plans are a requirement under the Reserves Act 1977 to ensure proper management for reserves and they need to be continuously reviewed.

The draft plan is a new site-specific plan for the reserves identified in the Mosgiel Recreation Area. Currently, the plans are managed under the General Policies Reserve Management Plan and the Sportsground Management Plan. The draft plan aims to better honour the site's recreational, biodiversity, cultural and mana whenua values to help it receive the care and attention it requires (see Appendix A). We would like your views on this.

Background

The Reserves Act 1977 requires management plans for all DCC reserves (except local purpose reserves) under its control, management, or administration. Under the Act, we're required to consult with the public when creating or reviewing a reserve management plan.

The Mosgiel Recreation Area (MRA) includes the following reserves: Mosgiel Memorial Park, Mosgiel Memorial Gardens, Peter Johnstone Park (including Murray Street Playground) and the Silverstream Bank Reserves. These reserves do not currently have a site-specific reserve management plan and are managed entirely under the General Policies Reserve Management Plan and the Sports Ground Management Plan.

In 2019 DCC designated Peter Johnstone Park (Reid Avenue), including Murray Street Playground, Mosgiel Memorial Park (Gordon Road) and Te Puna o Whakaehu (215 Gordon Road), as the Mosgiel Recreation and Community Area, to provide for a range of recreation and community uses. In addition to the reserves identified within the designation this reserve management plan will also apply to Silverstream Bank Reserves, which serves as a green way linking nearby residential properties with the reserve.

The development of this management plan responds to the need for these reserves to be managed under a site-specific management plan. It is intended to identify the unique characteristics of the MRA reserves and provide a clear vision for their ongoing management and planning.

What we're proposing

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that we publicly notify the draft reserve management plan, inviting feedback from all interested parties. We will advertise our intention in a local newspaper, notify the media and encourage feedback through social media and the DCC's website. Parks and Recreation Services staff will be available to discuss the proposal and explain how to make submissions.

In the plan, we are proposing to improve recreational and educational opportunities for reserve users and the Mosgiel community. Ideas include improved management of the reserves in terms maintenance and amenity, improving public accessibility and wayfinding to and within the reserves, consider opportunities for improving biodiversity within the reserves, investigate opportunities for building resilience in the provision of recreational facilities and better spatial planning to prevent ad hoc development. We also want to honour mana whenua values through interpretation and storytelling projects.

Have your say

We would like to hear your thoughts about the draft plan and its suitability for managing the reserves within the Mosgiel Recreation Area. Your feedback is an important part of the process and will help shape the final document. The submission period is from **Monday, 27 January 2025** and will close **at 5pm on Monday, 31 March 2025**.

If you would like to speak about the draft plan at the Council Hearing, please indicate in your submission your intention to speak.

How to give feedback

A submission form is attached as Appendix B. Submission forms can be sent these ways:

- Online: www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation
- Emailed to: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz
- Posted to:

Draft Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan Parks

and Recreation Services

Attention: L Summers

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Delivered to a DCC service centre or library.

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

The proposed next steps are:

- The submission period is from Monday, 27 January 2025 to 5pm on Monday, 31 March 2025.
- May 2025 Council Hearing (if required, date to be decided), and consideration of all submissions.
- By July 2025 Adoption of a final plan.