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Statement of Proposal
Otago Harbour
Reserves Management Plan Review 2024



Introduction

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) is beginning a review of the Otago Harbour Reserves Management Plan (Otago Harbour RMP) ([link here](#)).

This statement of proposal sets out background information, what is being proposed, reasons for the proposal, how submissions on the proposal can 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 and they must be regularly reviewed. The Otago Harbour RMP was last reviewed by the Council in 2006. The 2024 review will allow the DCC to respond to the community's changing needs and to introduce best practice models and trends.

It is also a requirement under the Act to consult with the public when a reserve management plan is being created or reviewed.

Background

Otago Harbour is a significant natural feature in Dunedin and a place of special importance to Dunedin and the region

The 14 Council-owned or managed reserves surrounding Otago Harbour are integral to its overall attractiveness and are included in the Otago Harbour Reserves Management Plan. They include reserves at Andersons Bay Inlet, Bayfield, Broad, Careys and Deborah Bays, Glenfalloch jetty, Kitchener Street, Macandrew Bay, Port Chalmers, Roseneath, Te Rauone, Vauxhall and Wellers Rock.

The reserves are well-used, enjoyed and appreciated by Dunedin people as they provide access to and encourage use of the harbour for a wide range of aquatic recreation activities, including fishing, boating, windsurfing, paddleboarding, swimming, walking, driving, picnicking and bird-watching.

The Council owns and maintains many facilities around the harbour, such as wharfs, jetties and ramps which provide good access to the harbour for recreation. Many boat and yacht clubs lease Council land for their club activities and have jetties or ramps available for club and often public use.

The reserves have a number of historic structures and features associated with Dunedin's early history, such as sea walls and middens. The historic sites are important to the Otakou runanga and they place special importance on the spiritual values of the harbour and place names.

The harbour is important to the Dunedin tourism industry and part of its overall scenic attraction. Reserves are often used by the harbour's abundant wildlife as roosting and haul-out areas.

What we're proposing for consultation

In accordance with the requirement of the Act, we will publicly notify our intention to review the Otago Harbour RMP and invite feedback from interested parties. As well as advertising in the Otago Daily Times and the Star, we will notify the media and encourage feedback through social media and the DCC's website.

Have your say

We would like to know what you think about Otago Harbour reserves, what the issues are and how these issues can be resolved. We would like to hear how you think harbour reserves can be best used and managed. We are interested in your thoughts on the future use of harbour reserves.

Your feedback will help shape the updated Otago Harbour RMP. The draft of this will undergo further public engagement later in 2024. Parks and Recreation Services staff will be available to discuss the Otago Harbour RMP and explain how to make submissions.

The submission period runs from Monday, 4 March 2024 to Monday, 1 April 2024.

How to give feedback

Feedback can be made via:

- Online: www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation
- Email to: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz
- Post to:
Otago Harbour Reserves Management Plan Submissions
Parks and Recreation Services
Attention: Katie Eglesfield
Dunedin City Council PO Box 5045
Dunedin 9054
- Hand delivery 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, 4 March 2024 to Monday, 1 April 2024
- Parks and Recreation staff will review feedback and prepare a draft Otago Harbour Reserves Management Plan
- Later in 2024, 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 Otago Harbour Reserves Management Plan consultation.

Late submissions may not be accepted.

Thank you for your submission.