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Statement of Proposal
Signal Hill Recreation Reserve Management
Plan Review 2024

Introduction

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

The plan outlines the ways the DCC is proposing to improve the reserve (see attachment A, the plan). The DCC considers the 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The DCC's previous Signal Hill Reserve Management Plan 2003 is now out of date (see attachment B). The new 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 attachment A). We would like your views on this.

Background

The Signal Hill Recreation Reserve Management Plan was adopted by Council in 2003 to provide site specific objectives and policies for the management of Signal Hill Recreation Reserve. These policies ensure the proper use, development, maintenance, protection, and preservation of Dunedin's reserves. The Reserves Act 1977 requires management plans for all DCC reserves. Under the Act, we're required to regularly review reserve management plans and must consult with the public when we review them.

The Signal Hill Reserve is near Dunedin's Central Business District and both Otago University and Otago Polytechnic campuses. The reserve is also close to some of the city's other reserves. It is a mountain biking and walking area and the Centennial Memorial offers panoramic views from the top of the reserve. The reserve is 96.2572ha and made up of 12 land parcels.

The reserve includes large areas of indigenous bush mixed with noxious weed species i.e. gorse, broom, Darwin's barberry, pine, and eucalyptus. There are also remnants of an arboretum established under the last management plan. The north-western faces of the reserve are susceptible to fire, causing concern to adjacent properties.

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 several improvements to the reserve. These include ways to improve recreational opportunities for mountain bikers, walkers, trail runners, runners, orienteers, and the wider Dunedin community. Ideas include protecting view shafts and the biodiversity of the reserve by better managing vegetation and tracks to benefit reserve users. We also want to honour the cultural and 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 Signal Hill Recreation Reserve. Your feedback is an important part of the review and will help shape the final document. The submission period is from Monday, 13 May 2024 to 5pm on Monday, 15 July 2024.

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

How to give feedback

- Online: www.dunedin.govt.nz/consultation
- Email: parksconsulting@dcc.govt.nz
- Post:
Draft Signal Hill Recreation Reserve Management Plan
Parks and Recreation Services
Dunedin City Council
PO Box 5045
Dunedin 9054
- Deliver: to a DCC service centre or library.

What happens next?

- The submission period is from Monday, 13 May 2024 to 5pm on Monday, 15 July 2024.
- September 2024 - Council Hearing (if required, date to be decided), and consideration of all submissions.
- By December 2024 – Adoption of a final plan.

The DCC collects your personal information, like your name and contact information and your views on our proposed plans and projects, to help us manage all of the reserves under our control. Providing information is optional. However, if you choose not to provide your name and contact details, we will be unable to contact you again about these matters. You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, and to ask for it to be corrected if you think it is wrong. If you'd like to ask for a copy of your information, or to have it corrected, please contact us at privacy@dcc.govt.nz. Please note that your name and submission will be made public as part of the DCC's decision-making process. However, any person contact details you have provided will be automatically withheld.

A physical copy of the Draft Signal Hill Reserve Management Plan is available for inspection at all DCC libraries and at the DCC Civic Centre Building. It is also available to view electronically via the DCC website.

Late submissions may not be accepted.

[Thank you for your submission.](#)

Documents

- Appendix A Draft Signal Hill Reserve Management Plan 2024.
- Appendix B Signal Hill Reserve Management Plan 2003.
- Appendix C Submission form.