

## **Reserves Act Hearings Panel Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan AGENDA**

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### **Notice of Meeting:**

A Reserves Act Hearings Panel meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 27 July 2022  
**Time:** 9am  
**Venue:** Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan Hearing  
Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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### **Panel**

Members Councillor Aaron Keown  
Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Member Mike Wall  
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### Principles

Being open, transparent and democratically accountable	Promoting equity, valuing diversity and fostering inclusion	Taking an inter-generational approach to sustainable development, prioritising the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of people and communities and the quality of the environment, now and into the future	Building on the relationship with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Te Hononga-Council Papatipu Rūnanga partnership, reflecting mutual understanding and respect	Ensuring the diversity and interests of our communities across the city and the district are reflected in decision-making	Actively collaborating and co-operating with other local, regional and national organisations
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### Community Outcomes

<b>Resilient communities</b> Strong sense of community Active participation in civic life Safe and healthy communities Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage, sport and recreation Valuing the voices of all cultures and ages (including children)	<b>Liveable city</b> Vibrant and thriving city centre Sustainable suburban and rural centres A well connected and accessible city promoting active and public transport Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing 21st century garden city we are proud to live in	<b>Healthy environment</b> Healthy water bodies High quality drinking water Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued and stewardship exercised Sustainable use of resources and minimising waste	<b>Prosperous economy</b> Great place for people, business and investment An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity for all A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base Modern and robust city infrastructure and community facilities
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### Strategic Priorities

Enabling active and connected communities to own their future	Meeting the challenge of climate change through every means available	Ensuring a high quality drinking water supply that is safe and sustainable	Accelerating the momentum the city needs	Ensuring rates are affordable and sustainable
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### Ensuring we get core business done while delivering on our Strategic Priorities and achieving our Community Outcomes

Engagement with the community and partners	Strategies, Plans and Partnerships	Long Term Plan and Annual Plan	Our service delivery approach	Monitoring and reporting on our progress
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**1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**2. Election of a Chairperson Te Whakatū Poumua**

At the start of the meeting a Chairperson will be elected.

**3. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

## 4. Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan

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### 1. Purpose of the Report Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Reserves Act Hearings Panel to:
  - 1.1.1 Consider the submissions received through the public consultation process and all other relevant information presented on the Draft Reserves Management Plan (Attachment A) for Roto Kohatu Reserve; and
  - 1.1.2 Deliberate and make a recommendation to the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board, as the decision-maker, to determine whether the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan should be adopted.
- 1.2 This report has been written as a result of:
  - 1.2.1 The Council releasing a Draft Management Plan for consultation; and
  - 1.2.2 A number of submitters on the proposed plan indicating they wish to be heard by a Reserves Act Hearings Panel in support of their submission.
- 1.3 The decisions in this report are of medium significance in relation to the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The level of significance was determined by such factors as:
  - 1.3.1 Roto Kohatu Reserve not being a strategic asset but still providing a strong contribution towards the City's health and wellbeing;
  - 1.3.2 a strong interest from a range of user groups;
  - 1.3.3 the proposal is unlikely to have cost risks to the Council;
  - 1.3.4 any decisions are capable of being reversed; and
  - 1.3.5 the proposal largely clarifies and formalises existing use and agreements.

## 2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

1. That the Reserves Act Hearings Panel: recommends that the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board:
2. Receive and consider the information in the report, the submissions, and all other relevant information received on the proposed Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan.
3. Adopt the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan containing revisions agreed to by the hearings panel at its meeting on 27th July 2022.

## 3. Reason for Report Recommendations Ngā Take mō te Whakatau

- 3.1 Staff are confident that the Management Plan reflects the needs of the community, the natural environment, and the Council. The draft management plan (and an associated Development Plan for the reserve) was prepared with extensive input from staff, user groups, and the wider public through a series of meetings, surveys, and workshops between August 2020 and February 2021, and ongoing communication with those groups via the Council's Have Your Say website.

## 4. Alternative Options Considered Ētahi atu Kōwhiringa

- 4.1 An alternative option is to not approve the Management Plan in its current form, but instead request changes prior to approval.
- 4.2 Note that a management plan for this reserve must be prepared, as it is a requirement of the Reserves Act 1977. Without the plan the Council has very little guidance to effectively manage and develop the reserve.

## 5. Detail Te Whakamahuki

### Public Consultation Te Tukanga Kōrerorero

- 5.1 An early engagement information-gathering process resulted in feedback from more than 30 stakeholders, organisations, user groups, or individuals through a Have Your Say consultation process and direct contact with user groups and key stakeholders including local iwi representatives.
- 5.2 Feedback from this process and earlier informal consultation informed development of the draft plan in key areas relating to layout and facilities, vegetation and birds, water, and reserve use.
- 5.3 A parallel consultation process confirmed a change of land classification of two land parcels to confirm all the park as Recreation Reserve.
- 5.4 Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga gave early feedback followed by comment on the draft plan, responding particularly in relation to biodiversity, ecology including pest fish concerns, and suitable native plantings.
- 5.5 To meet Reserves Act requirements, consultation on the draft Reserve Management Plan ran on the Council [Have Your Say](#) website over a period of two months from 24 January until 28 March 2022. An email was sent to approximately 100 stakeholders, including community organisations and user groups.
- 5.6 A Newsline article on 22 January was picked up by the Christchurch Press. Consultation was posted on the CCC Facebook page, also inviting a range of likes and comments on five local and wider area Facebook pages.

- 5.7 Copies of the draft Reserve Management Plan and Development Plan were available in central and local service centres, and letters were sent to approximately 30 adjacent property owners and occupiers letting them know of the draft plan, and how to submit.
- 5.8 A drop-in session held on site on Tuesday 15 February was attended by approximately 30 members of the public and user groups.
- 5.9 Additional meetings and phone calls were held with user groups and stakeholders, including adjacent property owners, during the consultation period.

### **Summary of Submissions Ngā Tāpaetanga**

- 5.10 We received 86 [submissions](#) from ten recognised organisations, including six user groups and one business. This included feedback from the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, North Canterbury Fish and Game, Christchurch International Airport Ltd, The Cancer Society, Disabled Persons Assembly, and six user groups.
- 5.11 The remainder were residents from across the city and wider area, with 36 submitters giving addresses from adjacent or nearby suburbs. All submissions are provided in the Hearings Panel Agenda.
- 5.12 We asked for comments on both the draft Reserve Management Plan and the Development Plan. Although most people provided suggestions only, there were a number of positive comments about the proposed future management and development of the reserve, indicating how strongly they valued the lakes and surrounding reserve area.
- 5.13 One submitter requested we don't change anything in the reserve.
- 5.14 Key comments supported:
  - A new entrance at Outlook Place
  - Improvements such as grading of beach to access and use Lake Rua, e.g. swimming, boat/model yacht launch
  - Development and building of facilities to support aquatic recreation for groups
  - Retaining natural environment and the general approach to keep built structures to a minimum
  - Additional activities put forward in the plan including more canoe polo courts.

5.15 Key suggestions included requests for:

- More parking, that is also better defined and managed
- Facilities that provide sun safety and adequate shading
- More facilities such as picnic tables and barbecues
- Improved access including wayfinding, paths, and cycle facilities.

5.16 Key concerns related to the need to manage anti-social behaviour, and there were a range of suggestions about how to manage dog behaviour and access. There were also several requests relating to jet-ski use on Lake Taupo including allocation of space and protection of birdlife. Christchurch Airport raised concerns about managing the risk of bird strike. These have been addressed in the management plan.

5.17 There was a range of feedback about ways to manage timing and allocation of space, including detailed responses and suggestions from user groups. There were also a number of ideas provided about specific activities for the public including families and children.

5.18 These points and further detail are included in the consultation analysis table (**Attachment B**) and project team response tables (**Attachment C**).

5.19 In total, 16 amendments have been made to the draft Management Plan and are contained within the track-changed document (**Attachment A**) and discussed in the project team response table (**Attachment C**).

5.20 The decision affects the following wards/Community Board areas:

5.20.1 Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood

## 6. Policy Framework Implications Ngā Hiraunga ā- Kaupapa here

### Strategic Alignment Te Rautaki Tīaroaro

6.1 This report supports the [Council's Long Term Plan \(2021 - 2031\)](#):

6.1.1 Activity: Parks and Foreshore

- Level of Service: 6.3.5 Overall customer satisfaction with the recreational opportunities and ecological experiences provided by the City's Regional Parks. - Regional Parks resident satisfaction >=80 %.

### Policy Consistency Te Whai Kaupapa here

6.2 The decision is consistent with the Council's Plans and Policies.

### Impact on Mana Whenua Ngā Whai Take Mana Whenua

6.3 Staff engaged with Tangata Whenua as project partners via Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd during pre-engagement. Feedback was that the matter does not involve a significant decision in relation to ancestral land or a body of water or other elements of intrinsic value, therefore this decision does not specifically impact Mana Whenua, their culture and traditions.

6.4 Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd submitted feedback on the draft Management Plan on behalf of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga. Their feedback was focussed on four elements: 1) inclusion of Māori design elements in interpretation signage, 2) eco-sourcing of native plant species, 3) accidental discovery protocols, and 4) potential contamination from the closed landfill. Subsequent communication with Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd also highlighted pest management requirements of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan. Staff responses and recommendations related to these points are included in **Attachment C** (Project Team Response Tables).

### **Climate Change Impact Considerations Ngā Whai Whakaaro mā te Āhuarangi**

- 6.5 The Management Plan (and associated Development Plan) encourages tree and shrub-land planting which will support an increase in city-wide canopy coverage and reduction in mowing to help mitigate climate change.

### **Accessibility Considerations Ngā Whai Whakaaro mā te Hunga Hauā**

- 6.6 The Management Plan (and associated Development Plan) supports improved access to Roto Kohatu Reserve for people of all abilities, with the inclusion of specific policies to guide this in the Management Plan.

## **7. Resource Implications Ngā Hīraunga Rauemi Capex/Opex / Ngā Utu Whakahaere**

- 7.1 An approved Management Plan will guide day to day management of the reserve. Capital development will need to be consistent with this plan. Some development funding is available in CPMS 65241. Further funding to implement the Development Plan will be sought through LTP processes once the Management Plan and Development Plan are approved.

### **Other / He mea anō**

- 7.2 None

## **8. Legal Implications Ngā Hīraunga ā-Ture**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report / Te Manatū Whakahaere Kaupapa**

- 8.1 The process of preparing, advertising, and finalising the Management Plan has been completed in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. Community Boards have the delegation to adopt reserve management plans (excluding the hearing and determining of submissions/objections) and to approve landscape plans for parks.







### **Other Legal Implications / Ētahi atu Hīraunga-ā-Ture**

- 8.2 Not applicable

## **9. Risk Management Implications Ngā Hīraunga Tūraru**

- 9.1 Not applicable

## Attachments / Ngā Tāpirihanga

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In addition to the attached documents, the following background information is available:

Document Name	Location / File Link
Not Applicable	Not Applicable

## Confirmation of Statutory Compliance / Te Whakatūturutanga ā-Ture

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
- (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.

(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

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# Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan (DRAFT)

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Item 4

Attachment A

Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan | November 2021



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# 1. Background



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## 1.1 Introduction

Located at the north-west edge of urban Christchurch, Roto Kohatu Reserve is part of a network of parks connected by walkways and greenways. The park has varied landform and character that includes the lakes, open grass areas and a rounded hill.

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri are mana whenua of this takiwā.

Roto Kohatu Reserve is highly valued for the leisure and sport opportunities provided by the two lakes: Lake Tahī and Lake Rua, and these lakes have become increasingly popular for both organised and informal activities. The lake margins are bordered by trees and other vegetation, and the park is a green haven for people and a wide range of water birds.

With the exception of a small area fronting Outlook Place, all areas of Roto Kohatu Reserve are classified as 'Recreation Reserve' under the Reserves Act 1977. The reserve at the Outlook Place entry is a Local Purpose (utility) Reserve.

This reserve management plan provides direction for the management and development of Roto Kohatu Reserve. Reserve management plans provide the community with greater certainty about the function and management of a reserve and ensure that management decisions are consistent with the Reserves Act 1977. The management plan recognises the values of the reserve, establishes a vision for its future, and sets management objectives and policies to achieve the desired outcomes.

This plan has been developed in consultation with the community according to the process outlined in the Reserves Act 1977.

## 1.2 Location

Roto Kohatu Reserve borders Sawyers Arms Road and Greywacke Road and is ten kilometres north-west of the centre of Christchurch near Christchurch International Airport. The Ōtukaikino Track connects Roto Kohatu Reserve with The Groynes and Darroch Reserve, and has further connections to the Isaac Farm Track, Waimairi Walkway and Templars Island Trail.



Figure 1: Location map

### 1.3 Reserve Map

The reserve is encompassed by Sawyers Arms Road in the west and Greywacke Road in the east and south. The Ōtukaikino Track begins at the main entrance to the reserve from Sawyers Arms Road.

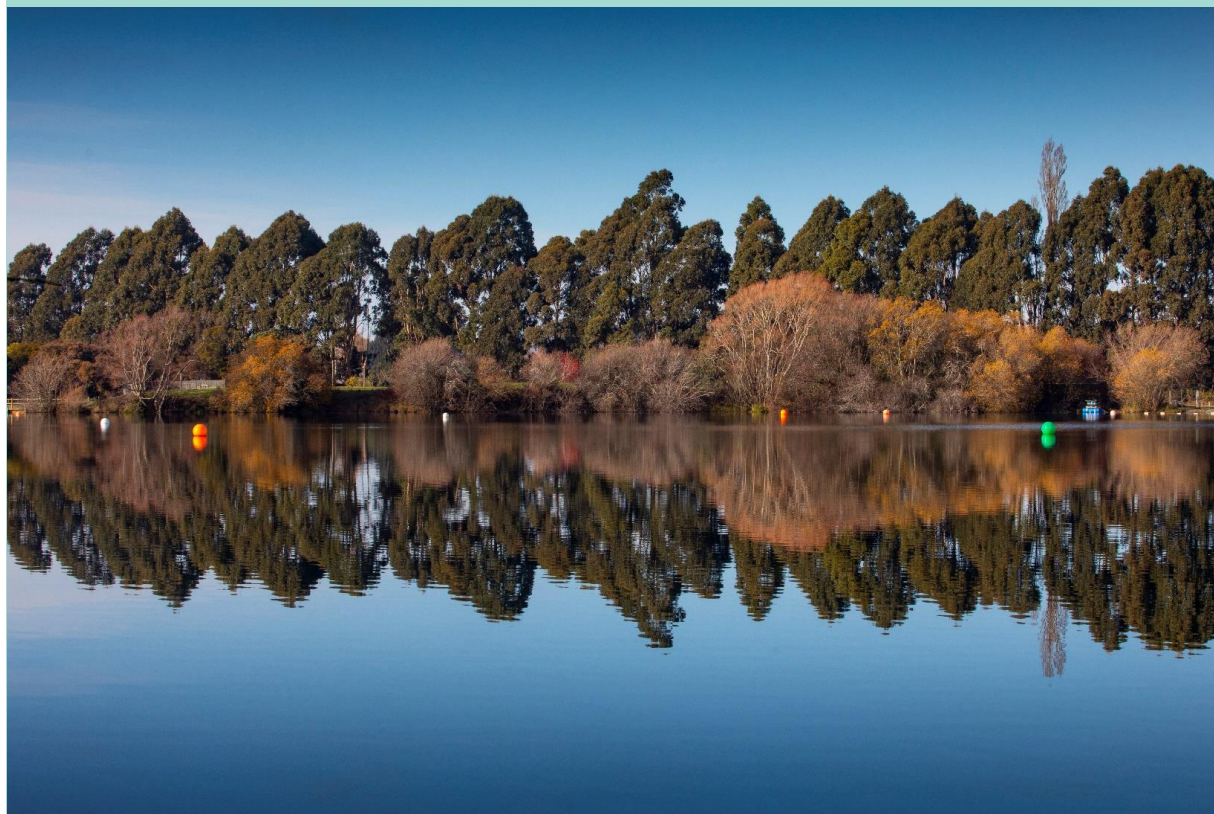


Figure 2: Map with Roto Kohatu Reserve outlined in blue

### 1.4 Vision

Roto Kohatu Reserve is developed and managed as an aquatic playground for a wide range of organised and informal water-based recreation and sport activities while supporting the biodiversity and amenity values of the area.

## 2. Objectives and Policies



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## 2.1 Management Areas

The reserve has distinct character areas with different patterns of use that are recognised by three management areas identified in Figure 3 below. The following objectives and policies cover the three management areas within the Roto Kohatu Reserve. Primary and secondary uses for these areas are defined and specific policies apply to these areas to structure management decisions.

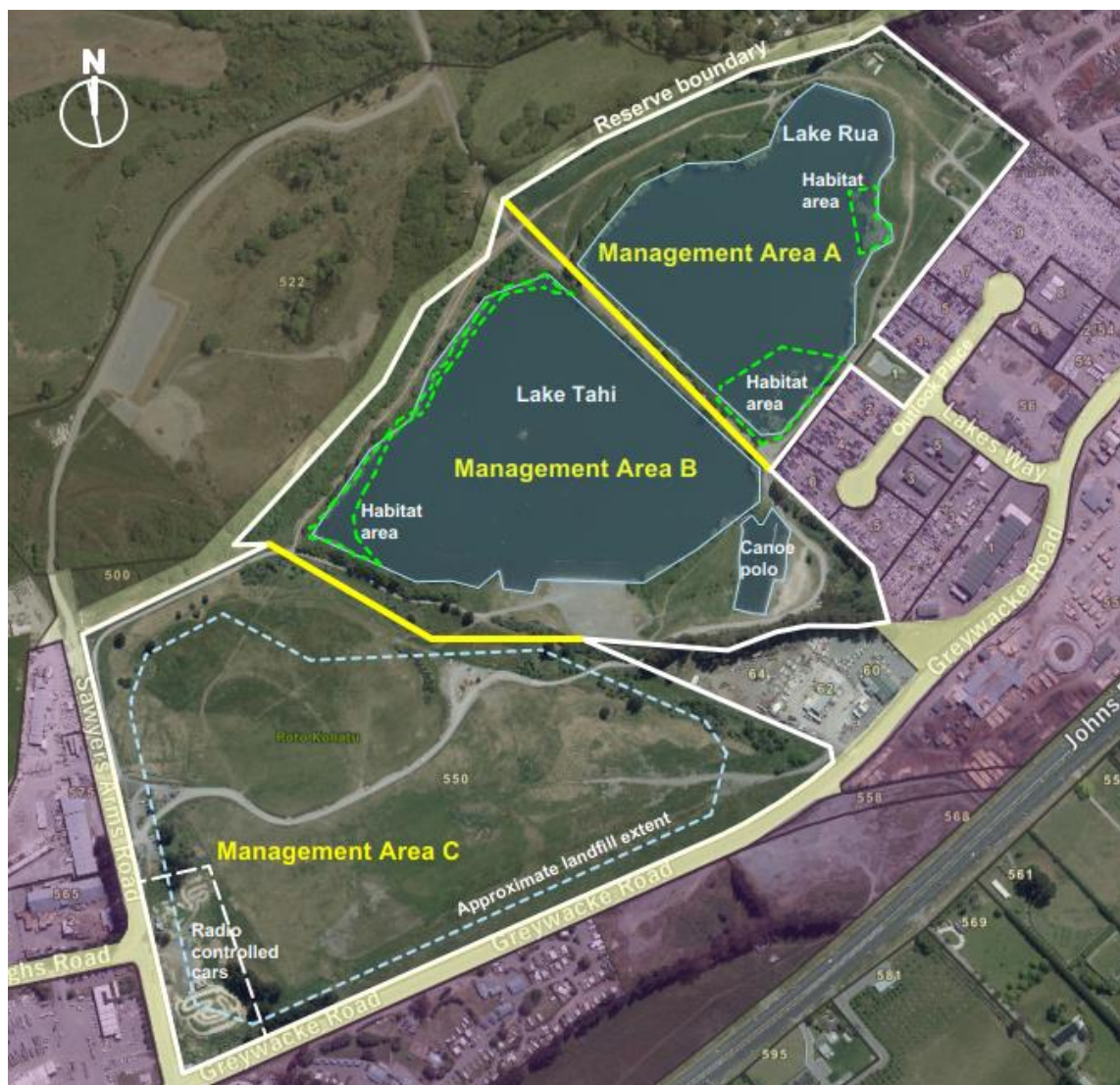


Figure 3: Habitat and management areas

**Objective:**

1. Development of facilities and management of activities within each management area gives initial priority to the primary uses, and secondary priority to secondary uses.

**2.1.1 Management Area A (Lake Rua and adjoining area)**

Primary use	Secondary uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water-based informal recreation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booked water-based non-motorised recreational activities including commercial recreational use outside of peak use periods.</li> <li>• Booked commercial activities ancillary to recreational activities (coffee carts, ice cream carts and similar) where compatible with the primary purpose of this area and subject to bookings and other approval, (refer section 2.3: Leases and licences). This may be approved at periods of peak use.</li> </ul>

**Policies**

1. Lake Rua will be managed as an unpatrolled water body.
2. During peak use periods, informal public recreation will be given priority over bookings for other activities.
3. At the discretion of the Council, organised events or other booked activities may be allowed outside periods of peak use where they do not conflict with other approved activities on the park.
4. At the discretion of the Council, organised events or other booked activities may be allowed during periods of peak use where the effect on informal use of the park is assessed as being insignificant because the scale of use is low, the frequency of events is low, or activities take place at times when the reserve is not well used.
5. Management of bookings by the Council will take account of possible conflicts of use and over-use as identified from feedback from clubs and other park visitors.
6. Any commercial activities on the reserve require approval by the Council. Commercial activities will either be ancillary to recreational uses, for example food and coffee carts; or be compatible with informal recreation, for example commercial recreation activities that take place outside of peak use periods.
7. At the discretion of the Council, a sports facility building and / or other structure may be constructed for shared use to facilitate use of this area for aquatic recreation activities, (refer section 4.3: Buildings and Structures).
8. At the discretion of the Council a shade structure or structures may be constructed that could be associated with a future recreation facility in this area.
9. Remediation works at the northern edge of Lake Rua to remove rubble, create a beach to improve access and construct a slipway and jetty and / or diving pontoon may be constructed subject to any consenting requirements.
10. Fishing structures around the lake will be removed over time in consultation with the Canterbury Coarse Fishing Club and Fish & Game to support the enhancement and protection of habitat areas (Refer Section 2.6: Biodiversity & Ecology). At the discretion of the Council, selected fishing platforms along the causeway and western edge of Lake Rua may remain.

### 2.1.2 Management Area B (Lake Tahī and adjoining area)

Primary uses	Secondary uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Powered watercraft activities in Lake Tahī</li> <li>Canoe polo in the canoe polo lake area</li> <li>Land-based informal recreation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other recreational activities and events compatible with the Jet Sports Club, canoe polo activities, and the biodiversity values of the habitat areas.</li> </ul>

#### Policies

- Secondary recreational activities may be approved by the Council where these are compatible with the primary uses of Lake Tahī and biodiversity values of the habitat areas.
- At the discretion of the Council, organised events or other booked activities may be approved where they do not conflict with the primary uses of the area and other booked activities on the park.
- At the discretion of the Council, a sports facility building and / or other structures, such as storage facilities, with an adjoining carpark may be constructed for shared use to facilitate use of this area for aquatic recreation activities, (refer section 2.5: Buildings and Structures).
- The canoe polo area may be extended with the addition of two additional playing courts and additional carpark capacity subject to approval by the Council and any required consents and approvals.

#### Note:

- For the purposes of the objectives and policies, 'peak use periods' is defined as summer school holidays and summer weekends (1 November to 1 March).
- Bookings for events are considered in this section, however, recurring use will generally require other agreements considered in section 2.3: Leases and licences.
- When considering an application for an event, information requirements may include a Traffic Management Plan, site location plan, health and safety plan, alcohol licence or any other information or regulatory document appropriate to the consideration.
- Activities on Lake Tahī and the adjoining canoe polo area will require assessment against the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw and approval from the Jet Sports Club and the Council. Swimming is not authorised in these areas except where provided for in formal agreements and with approval from the Canterbury Harbourmaster.

### 2.1.3 Management Area C

Primary uses	Secondary uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational club activities within the area zoned 'Open Space Community Parks Zone'.</li> <li>In other areas, informal recreation activities including walking, dog exercise and cycling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events and organised fitness activities.</li> </ul>

#### Policies

- Retain the area currently used for recreational club activities including radio control cars and allow for additional compatible recreational activities by other clubs in this area where approved by the Council.
- At the discretion of the Council a sports facility building and / or other structure may be constructed outside of the area of landfill for shared use to facilitate use of the area currently used for recreational club activities, (refer section 4.3: Building and Structures).

3. The hill covering the landfill will provide an area for informal recreation activities including walking, dog exercise, cycling, and will provide viewing points. Development may include the creation of additional paths and entrances for pedestrians and cyclists.
4. At the discretion of the Council, organised events and other compatible recreational activities including organised fitness activities may be approved including during peak use periods.

## 2.2 Recreation and Sport

### Objective:

1. Co-ordinated shared use of the reserve by a wide range of organised and informal water-based and other recreation and sport activities that are managed to be compatible with biodiversity values.

### Policies:

1. Agreements for booked activities and events can be considered by the Council for approval where these are consistent with management policies for the relevant management area. The Council will not approve bookings for recreation activities in habitat areas, (refer Figure 3 above), and may require that some activities are distanced from habitat areas.
2. All organised use within the reserve by clubs and organisations, including commercial activities and events, must be approved by the Council as a booking or other agreement by the Council. Recurring activities, including annual and weekly bookings, will generally be given priority over one-off bookings for this use.
3. Management of park areas will take into account any possible conflicts of informal use as identified by Council staff and be managed accordingly.

## 2.3 Leases, licenses, and other tenure agreements (includes commercial activities)

### Objectives

1. To establish and maintain leases to manage all occupations of the reserve.
2. To require all clubs and organisations with regular ongoing use of the reserve, including commercial activities, to have an agreement for this use.
3. Commercial activities on the reserve will complement the enjoyment and experience of visitors.

### Policies

1. All organised use, other than one-off events, will have formal tenure setting out rights and responsibilities. One-off bookings are considered in sections 2.1 and 2.2 above.
2. The type of tenure agreement will depend on the nature and frequency of use. Tenure agreements may include leases, licences, permits, and sports use allocation. An activity such as an event will require an approved booking where it is not covered by an existing use agreement.
3. Allow the occupation or ongoing exclusive use of a facility or part of a reserve by clubs or organisations only through the issuing of a lease agreement.
4. Allow commercial recreational use of the reserve only through the issuing of an agreement. Approvals for commercial activities within the reserve that are contemplated by this plan may be granted where these are consistent with Council strategies, policies, and bylaws, and where they contribute to achieving the vision, objectives, and policies of this reserve management plan.

5. Where leases for occupation or agreements for commercial activities are not contemplated in this reserve management plan, public notification and approval by the Council will be required.
6. Applications for new agreements for existing or new activities are to be considered and granted on their merits and compatibility with the vision, objectives and policies of this management plan including the policies specific to management areas and other Council plans, policies, and strategies, as well as consideration of approved existing activities.
7. Applications for continued occupation where agreements have expired will be considered where there is a proven need for the continued use and no higher priority use is identified, and use is consistent with this reserve management plan and with Council strategies and policies. The Council will review and update all terms and conditions of an expired agreement.
8. Approvals including those for commercial recreational use will generally not be issued where they would reduce public use of Management Area A over peak use periods over summer school holidays and summer weekends (1 November to 1 March). Exceptions may be made for organised activities in areas of the park or at times when there is not high use, for example the early morning.
9. Applications for approvals for use of Lake Tahi will only be considered by the Council where these are agreed with the leaseholder, (the Canterbury Jet Sports Club), and are consistent with Council and Environment Canterbury Bylaws.

**Note:**

1. One off-events will be assessed under the objectives and policies for each Management Area, refer section 2.1: Management areas.

## 2.4 Access, circulation, and parking

**Objectives:**

1. To improve access for park visitors including those arriving in cars and those using the park as cyclists and pedestrians.
2. To have sufficient car parks available to cater for regular use of the park.

**Policies**

1. A new park entry for vehicles and pedestrians may be created through the existing utility reserve on Outlook Place to provide access to the nearby carpark. When a new park entry is constructed in this location, access will be reorganised so that
  - a. Access to the south of this entry for canoe polo and fishing will be by controlled entry.
  - b. The existing driveway across the landfill will be closed for regular public vehicle use beyond the carpark areas adjoining Sawyers Arms Road. The driveway will be retained for management and maintenance purposes and as a shared use path.
2. Current park uses, including access, where they are located within the property at 60-64 Greywacke Road may be formalised by the Council.
3. An additional park entry for vehicles and / or pedestrians to the canoe polo area may be developed through road reserve to the north of 60-64 Greywacke Road or other areas along Greywacke Road, (refer Figure 5 in section 5.3.2).
4. Where vehicle access is required for approved or booked activities outside of formed access and carpark areas, this will be by controlled entry. Any parking outside of public carpark areas will require specific approval in a booking or an agreement such as a lease or licence.

5. Any new or improved internal driveways, including those with exclusive club use, will be designed and managed with consideration of a range of recreational uses, to reduce conflict with pedestrians and cyclists and other park use. Maintenance activities are not considered to be improvements.
6. Bike and pedestrian paths may be extended and/or upgraded to improve internal circulation and connect to new pedestrian entries, adjoining roads and surrounding track networks. Paths and routes will be designed for shared use by walkers, runners, and cyclists, and to maintain clear sightlines for the safety of users. Wherever practically possible, paths shall be constructed to accessible standards.
7. The Council may investigate and implement the stopping of areas of unformed roads that adjoin the north-west of the park and incorporating this land into the reserve subject to required approvals.
8. Public carparks will generally be formed at the edges of the reserve to reduce possible conflict between vehicles and other activities on the park, except where parking is provided in association with and approved by a lease.
9. Sufficient car parks will be formed in leased and un-leased areas of the reserve for regular use of the park excluding events and times of peak use periods.
10. Overflow car parking areas may be provided near Sawyers Arms Road for events and peak use periods over summer. Parking in areas other than recognised parking areas may be allowed as part of approvals for an event.
11. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles will be applied in the planning and implementation of all access circulation and parking development.

## 2.5 Buildings and structures

### Objectives:

1. To enable provision of suitable multi-use facilities to meet the needs of organised and casual use of the park.
2. To ensure that the design and scale of development is appropriate for the reserve environment.
3. To preserve the open space and amenity of the park by minimising built structures.

### Policies:

1. Mana whenua values – including accidental discovery protocols - will be recognised in Council park development projects in accordance with the treaty partnership between the Council and Iwi. Design of any interpretation and representation of Māori culture should recognise Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri as mana whenua of this takiwā.
2. Facilities and services such as (but not limited to) drinking fountains, cycle racks, track markers, seating, bridges, rubbish bins, signs (entry, interpretation, and wayfinding), security cameras, shade sails, outdoor showers, and toilets may be provided and maintained to meet the needs of park visitors, facilitate use of the park, improve the visitor experience, and discourage scavenging opportunities for birds and vermin.
3. At the discretion of the Council, modifications to the lake edges may be constructed outside of habitat areas to facilitate use of the lakes where this is consistent with other park values including biodiversity.
4. CPTED principles (Crime prevention through environmental design) will be applied in the planning and development of all structures.
5. At the discretion of the Council, sports facilities including buildings and other structures may be approved outside of land fill areas where necessary to facilitate use of the surrounding park, (refer

section 2.1: Management Areas). Facilities are expected to be designed to accommodate shared use and provide flexibility for a range of future uses.

6. Any buildings or structures will have appropriate character and design for the surrounding reserve and will be located where they do not detract from reserve values and use. Colour schemes and design of all buildings and structures are to be subject to review by the Council Parks Unit and approval by the Council to ensure that the area is integrated into the surrounding park landscape and discourage vandalism. Shipping containers without suitable cladding will not be approved.
7. At the discretion of the Council, removable structures may be approved to support aquatic recreation activities until permanent facilities are approved and constructed.
8. Services within the park will be located underground where possible to reduce their impact on the amenity of the park.
9. Where vacant buildings are in a state of disrepair they will be removed from the reserve.

## 2.6 Biodiversity and ecology

### Objectives:

1. To protect vulnerable or uncommon birds on the park only where species and habitat are compatible with airport activities.
2. To protect and enhance park and wider landscape biodiversity values through the creation of 'habitat areas' and additional planting
3. To inform park visitors of the importance of the habitat areas and appropriate behaviour in the vicinity of these areas.

### Policies:

1. Areas that have been recognised as important for bird breeding will be defined as 'habitat areas' as identified in Figure 3 of section 2.1. These areas will be protected and enhanced, and public access to these areas will be discouraged.
2. Trees within habitat areas will be managed for biodiversity outcomes including retention of existing trees and vegetation and dead trees and logs. Willows and other wilding or less desirable species may initially be retained to provide habitat and be progressively replaced.
3. Tree and vegetation maintenance activities around the lake margins will be done outside of bird breeding seasons (generally September to January). If tree or vegetation maintenance must take place during the breeding seasons, an ecologist / bird expert will be consulted in the planning of works.
4. Information signs and fencing may be constructed to discourage recreation activities in habitat areas.
5. Advocacy measures including signage, interpretation and publicity may be used to improve people's understanding of birds on the site including the need to stay away from habitat areas and avoid feeding bird species.
6. Pest plants and animals are to be removed in accordance with Council policies and practice, Environment Canterbury guidelines, and requirements of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan.
7. Other mechanisms to protect nesting birds may be considered including locating buoys to identify habitat areas and working with user groups to adjust recreational use as wildlife patterns change.

## 2.7 Vegetation and planting

### Objectives:

1. To establish trees and other vegetation to support the biodiversity and amenity values of the park and surrounding area.
2. To co-ordinate planting on the park through a development plan.
3. To ensure planting does not create public health and safety risks.

### Policies:

1. Planting will be guided by a development plan to be prepared by the Council (as consulted with Christchurch International Airport Limited to reduce birdstrike risk).
2. Plant species used in landscaping will generally be indigenous. Plants will be grown from locally sourced seed supplies where possible. New specimen trees will generally be native species except where specific attributes are required and will include species that support mahinga kai.
3. Specimen trees will be established and maintained outside of the landfill area to provide shade and shelter for visitors and discourage flocking birds.
4. CPTED principles (Crime prevention through environmental design) will be applied in the planning and development of all plantings.
5. At the discretion of the Council, trees will be located and managed so that they allow for appropriate passive surveillance into and around the main activity areas of the park.
6. Tree planting on boundaries other than road reserves will be established where it does not overhang adjoining properties.
7. A vegetated edge around the lakes will be established and maintained in habitat areas, and other areas where planting does not conflict with organised and informal recreation, for example at the northern edge of Lake Rua.
8. Exotic trees outside of habitat areas will be evaluated and considered for removal, and trees with poor form or faults and wildling or less desirable species removed or replaced over time. The existing stone pine trees will be retained while they have good form.
9. Tree and vegetation management will be coordinated with other reserve management and development activities to minimise disturbance to park visitors and birds.

## 2.8 Landfill

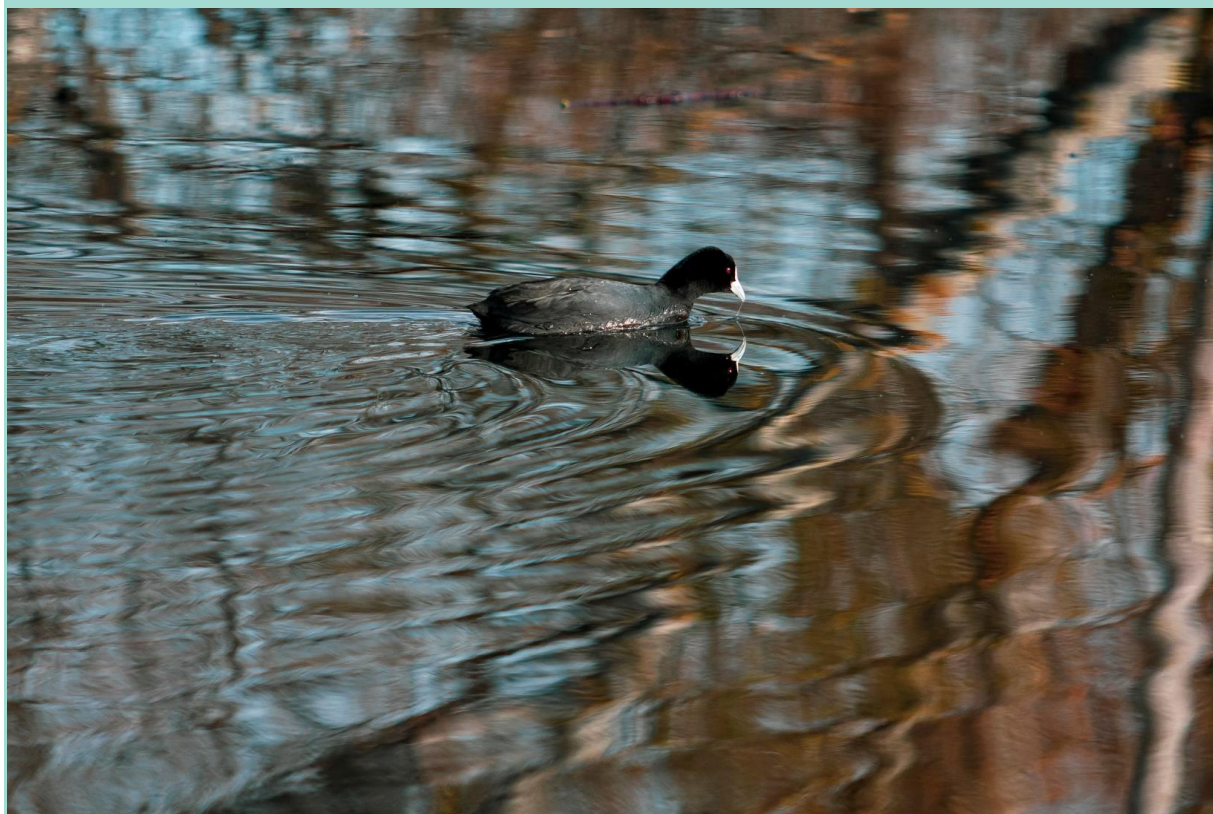
### Objective:

1. To avoid any public health and safety risks from the former landfill.

### Policies:

1. Future earthworks, structures, and landscaping works within the landfill area will be planned and constructed to take account of site constraints, including, but not limited to, the potential for differential settlement, presence of methane gas and the need to protect and avoid disturbance to the clay cap. The construction of buildings or the planting of trees over landfill is not anticipated, and all proposed works above areas of landfill including planting will be subject to technical review from Council staff responsible for landfill activities.

### 3. Site Values



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### 3.1 Recreation values

Roto Kohatu Reserve is highly valued by visitors for the recreation and sport opportunities provided by the open water surfaces and clear water of the lakes and the natural setting of green spaces, trees, and birdlife. The lakes support many diverse organised sports activities, (refer section 5.4: Use of the site) in addition to casual recreational use.

Roto Kohatu Reserve has been described as a 'hidden gem' and informal recreation has become increasingly popular particularly with young people and families.

Roto Kohatu Reserve is administered as a coarse and trout fishing location under the North Canterbury Sport Fish and Game Management Plan. Tench is the main sports fish in the lakes, and trout are also present.

### 3.2 Environment values

28 wetland and water birds have been identified at Roto Kohatu Reserve, including uncommon birds. Birds with particular conservation interest are as listed below:

Common name	Conservation status & significance for Roto Kohatu Reserve	Notes
<b>Australasian Crested Grebe</b>	Nationally vulnerable species – Roto Kohatu is a breeding site of local and regional importance	Rare and threatened native aquatic bird now breeding in Canterbury lowland waterways
<b>Australian Coot</b>	Naturally uncommon species that breeds on this site	
<b>NZ Scaup</b>	Roto Kohatu is a breeding site of national importance for this species	Endemic diving duck
<b>Little Cormorant / Shag</b>	Not nationally threatened	Potential for breeding on site, prefers tall trees overhanging the water

Other birds that are infrequently seen at Roto Kohatu include the Australasian Little Grebe, Pied Cormorant, White-fronted Tern and Black-fronted Tern.

## 4. Issues



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## 4.1 Recreation and sport

- There are limited numbers of large, clean, and sheltered freshwater bodies close to Christchurch. Increasing demand for organised activities and casual recreational use at Roto Kohatu Reserve is now reducing the availability of space for some water activities.
- With increasing use of the site there has been greater competition between different uses. As an example, people are reporting that it is difficult to find areas that are quiet enough for fishing during weekends over the warmer months.
- Some recreational water activities are not compatible and cannot safely take place at the same time, for example scuba diving and sailing.
- Most recreational groups using the park do not have formal use agreements. Without agreements for use, expectations of priority of use by these groups may not be aligned with expectations of the Council and other recreational groups.
- Use of Lake Tahi for jet sports activities benefits the district by reducing jet sport activities in rivers and estuaries, however it reduces other opportunities for use of Lake Tahi.
- Access from the shore into the lakes in some areas is difficult because of the profile of the shore and erosion from high levels of use.
- The lake includes areas where there are underwater branches and other debris. Some of this debris has been removed by contractors to the Council, and some areas are more suitable for swimming and diving than other areas of the lakes.

## 4.2 Access, circulation, and parking

- Although Roto Kohatu Reserve has additional frontage to Greywacke Road and Outlook Place, there is no formed access from these roads.
- The long unsealed access driveway extending across the site generates dust affecting nearby activities including canoe polo. The access driveway cannot be sealed where it passes over landfill areas, and it is difficult to maintain to a good standard.
- The access driveway extends across a property owned by Environment Canterbury at 60-64 Greywacke Road without a formal agreement.
- The access driveway has a reputation for unsafe driving activities and the formation does not provide adequate room for cyclists and pedestrians.
- During the peak season, limited parking capacity within the Reserve can become an issue, leading to traffic congestion and unsafe parking behaviour.

## 4.3 Buildings and structures

- There has been a lack of planning to accommodate the demand for club facilities. Temporary structures including shipping containers and fenced areas for storage have been established on the park by recreation clubs and organisations, and these structures do not maintain the amenity of the park.
- Flat areas within the park are limited, and unplanned development would reduce the land available for recreational use and affect use during periods of peak use.
- The Public Open Space Strategy notes that a current issue in parks is exclusive use by sporting clubs, and while this is appropriate in some parks, generally there should be no impacts on the rights of the public to freely access public open space areas.

## 4.4 Biodiversity and ecology

- The Council's Ecologist has advised that with increasing recreational activity on this site, there has been greater disturbance and declining abundance of some of the more sensitive wetland species, and some species are congregating in more vegetated and less-disturbed areas of the lake in response. These areas are identified as 'habitat' in Figure 5 of section 5.3.2.
- The proximity of the park to Christchurch International Airport and associated risk of bird strike means that some birds should be discouraged from using the park through design, landscaping and management. Bird species that have a higher risk of airplane bird strike include geese, ducks, gulls, and pigeons.
- Rudd, a fast-breeding pest fish that can affect water quality, is present in the lakes.
- Pest plants in and at the water margin include Lagarosiphon major, an oxygen weed and Phragmites australis, an emergent reed.
- Complaints have been made to the Council about dogs roaming freely or swimming in Lake Rua.
- Existing vegetation includes wilding and less desirable species such as willows and alders, however removal of these trees would reduce bird habitat.

## 4.5 Landfill

- Central areas of Management Area C overlay landfill as shown on Figure 3 in section 2.1. Landfill remediation at the time that this landfill was closed usually consisted of a 600mm layer of clay capping material followed by 100mm of topsoil to allow grass establishment and did not include soil to allow planting other than lawn grasses.
- Development on areas of the park over the old landfill are constrained by the need to preserve the landfill cap to avoid subsidence of land and the release of landfill gases. Planting options on areas of landfill are limited and construction of all structures including signs and paving needs to be carefully planned to prevent penetrating the clay cap.

## 5. Resource Information



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## 5.1 Land information

### 5.1.1 Land tenure and legal status

The reserve is held in four parcels as shown in the following table and Figure 4 below:

Legal Description	Record of Title	Status	Classification under the Reserves Act	Derived
550 Sawyers Arms Road				
Sec 1-3 S0 19671	CB44A/620 (24.6560 ha)	Fee Simple. Subject to the Reserves Act 1977: Classified as Recreation Reserve	Recreation Reserve	Acquired from Bitumix Limited for Recreation Reserve under Public Works Act by Gazette Notice A428435.1 (1999 p 3318).
Lot 1 DP 23093	CB4B/1415 (22.3841 ha)	Fee Simple. Held in trust pursuant to Section 17(5) of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953	Recreation Reserve	Transferred from The North Canterbury Catchment Board by Transfer 647604.
Lot 7 DP 36870	738037 (4161 m2)	Fee Simple. Subject to Reserves Act 1977	Recreation Reserve	Transferred from The North Canterbury Catchment Board by Gazette Notice 307322.4.
1 Outlook Place				
Lot 600 DP 504682	760356 (2438 m2)	Fee Simple. Subject to Reserves Act 1977	Local Purpose (utility) reserve	Vested in CCC by Lakes Industrial Parks Ltd on subdivision DP 504682

Park activities extend onto the legal unformed road to the north of the park (shaded yellow in Figure 4 below), and the main driveway through the park extends through 60-64 Greywacke Road owned by Environment Canterbury.

**Recreation Reserves** provide areas for public recreation and sporting activities and for the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public. Their purpose is also to protect the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside. Refer to Section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977 for further information.

**Local Purpose (Utility) Reserves** have the purpose of providing and retaining areas for utilities. The reserve at 1 Outlook Place contains a detention basin. Refer to Section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977 for further information.

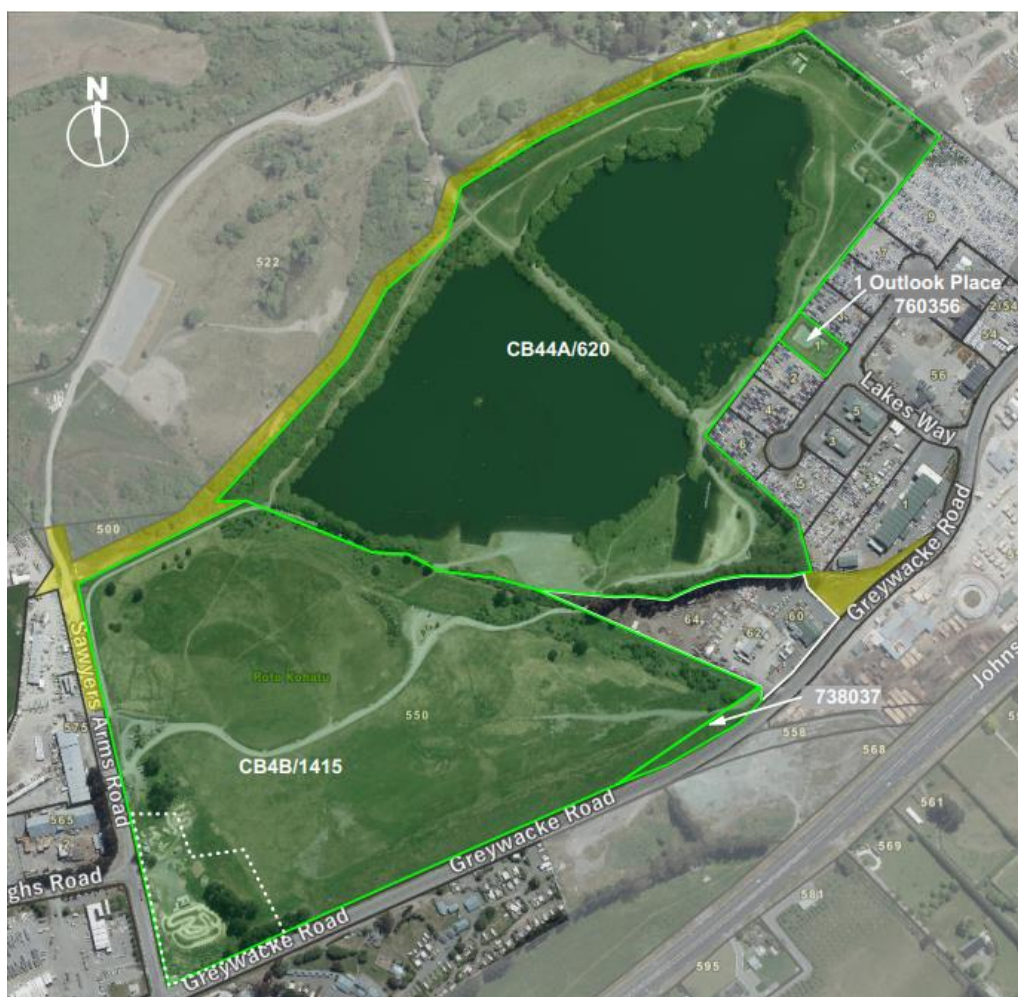


Figure 4: Land Parcels that make up Roto Kohatu Reserve.

Note: Park land is shaded green and adjoining legal unformed road is shaded yellow

### 5.1.2 Planning information

#### Christchurch District Plan zones

1 Outlook Place (Record of Title 760356) is currently zoned Industrial Heavy Zone.

Other reserve parcels are zoned Open Space Metropolitan Facilities Zone except for the south-west corner (outlined with a dotted line in Figure 4 above) that is zoned Open Space Community Parks Zone.

Open Space Metropolitan Facilities Zone provides for larger recreation facilities including motorised sports facilities, events, and multifunctional use. Open Space Community Parks Zone provides for formal and informal recreation activities and smaller scale recreation facilities.

The reserve is located entirely within the Christchurch International Airport Bird Strike Management Area where there are greater controls over establishing new waterbodies and stormwater basins and is within a noise contour and development protection overlay area related to airport activities.

## 5.2 History

The area where Roto Kohatu Reserve is now located was originally established as Ashby's Gravel Pit. The two large lakes (now named Lake Tahi and Lake Rua) were excavated from the 1960s, and then used for uncontrolled land fill from commercial operations on the site.

The hill to the south of Lake Tahi encloses a landfill established by Waimari County Council. This landfill has been closed and rehabilitated in accordance with resource consent conditions, and there is continued monitoring of groundwater in the surrounding areas for leachate contaminants. This previous use of the site restricts activities such as construction and planting of trees until gas levels have diminished and land has settled.

Tracks connecting Roto Kohatu Reserve with other reserves in the area were established from the early 1990s, and later work included upgrading and planting these connections.

## 5.3 Physical description

### 5.3.1 Setting

Roto Kohatu Reserve is located at the north-west edge of Christchurch urban development and is surrounded by industrial development on three sides and rural land to the north-west. The reserve is separated from residential areas and any noisy park activities are less likely to create nuisance.

The reserve is part of a network of reserves framing the north of Christchurch that includes the Groynes and Waimakariri River Regional Park.

The Ōtukaikino Track connects Roto Kohatu Reserve to Clearwater Drive and north through to the Groynes, and connected walkways extend to the Waimakariri River, Waimakariri River Regional Park and the coast.

### 5.3.2 Site description

The south-west of the park has a hill formed by mounding over a former landfill. The north-east of the park is flat to undulating and includes two lakes that are former gravel pits (refer Figure 5 below).

The hill is largely unvegetated and provides vantage points for views into and out of the site and reduces views into parts of the site.

Lake Tahi and a constructed extension to the lake forming the canoe polo area occupy most of the centre of the park. Lake Rua is located at the north-west of the site and is bordered by a relatively flat lawn area to the north.

Driveways and walkways extend through the site and include a section of the Ōtukaikino track. Planting includes trees around the lake edge and on some boundaries.



Figure 5: Site features

The landform, layout and development of the park and adjacent industrial area means that there is poor surveillance from surrounding streets and properties, particularly outside of work hours.

Public vehicle access is currently from Sawyers Arms Road. The Canterbury Jet Sports Club has a gated club entry on Sawyers Arms Road with a driveway connecting to Lake Tahi. A separate entry from Sawyers Arms Road provides access to the area used for radio-controlled car operation.

## 5.4 Use of the site

### 5.4.1 Activities

The lakes currently provide open water for:

- fitness and recreational swimming
- canoe polo
- waka ama
- kayaking
- fishing and angling
- sailing and water safety
- model yachts
- jet skiing
- paddle boarding
- scuba diving
- dragon boating
- sports events, e.g. triathlons, jet sports, dragon boating, waka ama, and fishing.

The wider park currently provides for other activities including:

- walking and running
- dog exercise
- outdoor education including organised groups
- picnicking and relaxation
- community and commercial events including athletics
- biking
- radio control cars
- Scouts' activities associated with the nearby Scout Camp.

Vehicle gates are currently open 7am to 9pm during Daylight Saving, 7am to 7pm for the rest of the year; pedestrians can enter the park outside of these hours.

Use by different groups has been co-ordinated by an indicative calendar at the start of the summer season that is managed by the Park Ranger.

Land based informal recreation activities including walking, running and dog exercising have a wider spread over different times of the year and day.

### 5.4.2 Buildings and facilities

Recent development on the site includes the construction of a toilet and a carpark near the north-east edge of Lake Rua and another toilet on the southern side of Lake Tahi. Temporary structures have been erected by clubs and organisations to facilitate recreation activities and include shipping containers and fenced areas.

### 5.4.3 Occupation of site

The following clubs and other organisations occupy areas of the site or have a lease over areas at Roto Kohatu Reserve:

Group	Occupation	Tenure	Use hours and frequency	Notes
<b>Lake Tahī and Canoe Polo area</b>				
<b>Canterbury Jet Sports</b>	Exclusive lease of lake. Have separate road entry and driveway. Seeking permanent storage facility for equipment and event staging area.	Exclusive lease of Lake Tahī and car park until 2039	'Jet ski' activities Monday-Friday 9am-6pm all year, also 9am-9pm summer Saturday 9am-8pm Sunday and Public Holiday 10am-6pm	Hold jet sports events. Prepared to accommodate one off event requests for other sports events. Use agreement with Outdoor Swimmers Club to use Lake Tahī.
<b>Mainland Canoe Polo Association</b>	Currently two containers on site and allocated lake area. Infrastructure includes goals, boundary ropes and pontoon. Controlled access to informal car parking by lake.	No current permissions for container, approvals for events	Canoe Polo training and events early August to end May, when used every day particularly during daylight-saving outside of school or work hours	Continuous use of lake since 2003. Regional venue including national competition and training. Have requested expansion of lake area.
<b>Lake Rua</b>				
<b>Aoraki Dragon Boating Club and associated groups including Schools</b>	Shared fenced compound on site for boats and 40ft container	No current permissions other than for events.	Regular training October to April Thursday and Friday evenings and weekends, events	Onsite since 2012. Main season October to April Also use Avon River and Kaiapoi River, site is too small for national events
<b>Kore Sailing school</b>	Shared fenced compound on site for boats and 40ft container	Expired licence for Lake Rua and surrounds	Generally, weekday use during school terms 1 and 4. Sail and water confidence courses primarily for schools, 3500 people a year September to April	Educational commercial activity.
<b>Christchurch Model Yacht Club</b>	Share use of container on site		Current use of site generally mid-week during winter months to avoid other uses	
<b>Land based</b>				
<b>Harewood radio control model car club</b>	SW corner of reserve on Sawyers Arms Rd	Expired lease	Monthly meets	

#### 5.4.4 Events and other organised use

Organised use of the reserve ranges from groups that use the reserve frequently throughout the year to those who use it a couple of times a year or on a casual basis.

Approvals were given for 35 events held in the two years spanning 2019 to 2021, of which approximately two-thirds were water based or partly water based. Event use of Lake Tahi has included fishing competitions and duathlons at the discretion of the Canterbury Jet Sports Club.

The Council has received requests for additional activities including long-term commercial activities that would take up large areas of the lake surface.

The following groups and organisations have used Roto Kohatu Reserve for events or other organised use:

Group	Frequency of use	Notes
<b>Ara Polytech Outdoor Education Programme</b>	Casual basis, usually 6-10 days late summer	Commercial / educational outdoor water activities
<b>Canterbury Kayaking</b>	1 course per week September to April	Use of site for 2 years for kayak training, (commercial activity). Use may be at short notice when river levels are high, generally weekday as weekends too busy
<b>Canterbury Triathlon / Junior Triathlon Club</b>	1 event Sunday end of November, 4:30-6pm summer late afternoons	Triathlon festival event involves 300-400 people Training sessions 20-40 children Lake also used by members for training
<b>Christchurch Model Yacht Club</b>	Hardly using currently	Mainly based at Lake Victoria in Hagley Park Asked to move from Groynes to Lake Rua by the Council, however, prefer to move back to Groynes if water weed under control
<b>Dive HQ</b>	Occasional use	Prefer other locations as more interesting, however use Lake Rua for dive courses when weather unsuitable elsewhere. One van with 14 people, can be 2-3 times a week. Commercial activity
<b>Canterbury Coarse Fishing Club</b>	Fishing by members, usually outside of peak use periods, also events.	Administered by Fish and Game for coarse and trout fishing activities Coarse fish active over summer but people finding that site is too busy for fishing over summer weekends. Clubs not running regular competitions any more as lake is too busy Events have included fishing competitions, some competitions on Lake Tahi.

<b>Fit and Abel</b>	Occasional bookings for Real Swim Series	Commercial lake swimming events
<b>Learn Active</b>	Casual basis, generally 3 times per term and usually between 10am and 3pm	Not for profit group providing outdoor education opportunities to people with intellectual disabilities. Also have programmes during school holidays however site can be too busy.
<b>Outdoor Swimmers Club</b>	Use agreement with Canterbury Jet Sports Club to use Lake Tahī up to 7 days a week before 8am and before 9am on Saturdays	Use times Monday to Saturday before 8am, Sunday before 9am. Exemption under Navigational Safety Bylaw.
<b>Southern New Foundland Society</b>	Once a month, generally 2nd Sunday, 3 water training days a year	Try to have events in cooler months when less use
<b>High School kayaking and outdoor education and NZ Defence Force kayak training</b>	Casual use	Kayak training for schools and other groups
<b>Step Ahead Trust</b>	2 days a year for kayaking	Site also used more frequently for walking. Not for Profit group
<b>Top Sport Kayaking</b>	14 courses a year, generally Friday mornings	Kayak training, commercial activity
<b>Waka Ama</b>	Training and events	Groups include Te Waka o Aoraki, Kai Ngaru, Waitaha, Te Awahaku, Te Waka Pounamu
<b>YMCA</b>	Casual basis generally one day per week during terms and school holidays	Contract for other organisations including schools and adventure trusts. Not for profit group.
<b>Youthtown</b>	Casual use for water-based activities	Take groups on camp at the neighbouring Omaka

## 5.5 Vegetation

Recent plantings at the Sawyers Arms Road entrance to the park are native, and mature trees on site are predominantly exotic including willow trees, pines, and eucalypts.

Stone pines (*Pinus pinea*) at the north-west corner of Lake Tahī were grown from seed collected in Italy and were planted 20 years ago and are now producing edible seeds.

## 6. Policy and planning framework



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## 6.1 Guiding documents and legislation

Management of reserves is governed by the Reserves Act 1977 under which they are held and by the legal responsibilities of the Christchurch City Council under the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991 and other legislation.

## 6.2 Christchurch City Council planning framework for reserve management plans

The content of this management plan and management of the reserve are guided by the vision, strategies and policies of the Christchurch City Council and other relevant organisations that provide a hierarchy of guidance to the management of Roto Kohatu Reserve.

### Council Vision and Community Outcomes

The big picture of what we want to achieve together as our city evolves, guiding work programmes and funding

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/>

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### Key Strategies and Policies

These documents set out the Council's goals and priorities and promote actions to achieve them

#### Biodiversity Strategy 2008

Provides a 2035 vision for biodiversity in Christchurch

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/biodiversity-strategy>

#### Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002

This policy aims to help organisations involved in physical recreation and sport move in a common direction

<https://ccc.govt.nz/search-results/#stq=physical%20recreation%20and%20sport%20strategy&stp=1>

#### Public Open Space Strategy 2010-2040

Provides a framework to guide the provision and development of open space

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/public-open-space-strategy>

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### Key Strategies and Policies (continued)

#### Waterways and Wetlands Natural Asset Management Strategy 1999

This strategy recognises Roto Kohatu lakes as significant recreation areas

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Strategies/NaturalAssetManagementStrategy.pdf>

#### Safer Christchurch Strategy 2016-2021

The strategy focuses on priority areas with the aim of making Christchurch the safest city in New Zealand

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/strategies/safer-christchurch-strategy>

#### Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy 2021

Sets goals and programmes of work to guide responses to climate change

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Environment/Climate-Change/Otautahi-Christchurch-Climate-Resilience-Strategy.pdf>

#### Christchurch District Plan

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/plans/christchurch-district-plan>

#### Parks and Waterways Access Policy 2002

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/policies/accessibility-policies/parks-and-waterways-access-policy-2002>

#### Trading and Events in Public Places Policy 2018

Regulation of commercial activities in public spaces

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Policies/TRADING-AND-EVENTS-IN-PUBLIC-PLACES-POLICY-2018.pdf>

#### Tree Policy 2021

Our policy for managing and maintaining trees in public open spaces

<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/policies/trees-policies/tree-policy>

### Parks and Foreshore Activity Plan

Sets out the community outcomes, strategic priorities, and levels of service for parks and foreshore areas

<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Plans/Long-Term-Plan/LTP-2021-final/LTP-2021-Activity-Plan-Parks-and-Foreshore.PDF>

### Roto Kohatu Development Plan

A plan and prioritised programme of works will guide the development of Roto Kohatu Reserve

## 6.3 Bylaws

Bylaws are local laws that apply only in a city or district that are enforceable by Council staff or nominated agencies, and are reviewed at least every 5 years.

### Christchurch City Council Bylaws

The **Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2016** permits access of dogs under effective control within the hill area of the reserve. However, dogs must be on a leash around Lakes Tahi and Rua and are prohibited from swimming in the lake to protect wildlife values and avoid conflict with recreational activities. There are no exceptions in the current Dog Control Policy and Bylaw to allow dog training at Lake Tahi or Lake Rua.

The **Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2016** does not allow other animals to be brought into reserves except where authorised by an approval including a licence or booking approved by an Authorised Council Officer, and any conflict with birdlife should be avoided.

Approval for events under the **Public Places Bylaw** can be for one-off or regular events by a permit or licence. Commercial use of public places also requires Council approval under the **Public Places Bylaw**.

### Environment Canterbury Bylaws

The **Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016** reserves Lake Tahi for powered watercraft only and the adjoining canoe polo area of the lake for canoe polo only. Lake Rua is reserved for non-powered vessels, with swimming allowed at the discretion of Council Park Rangers.

## 6.4 Other relevant plans

In preparing this plan and managing the reserves, the Council must also address other statutory and non-statutory documents from other agencies including Ngāi Tahu.

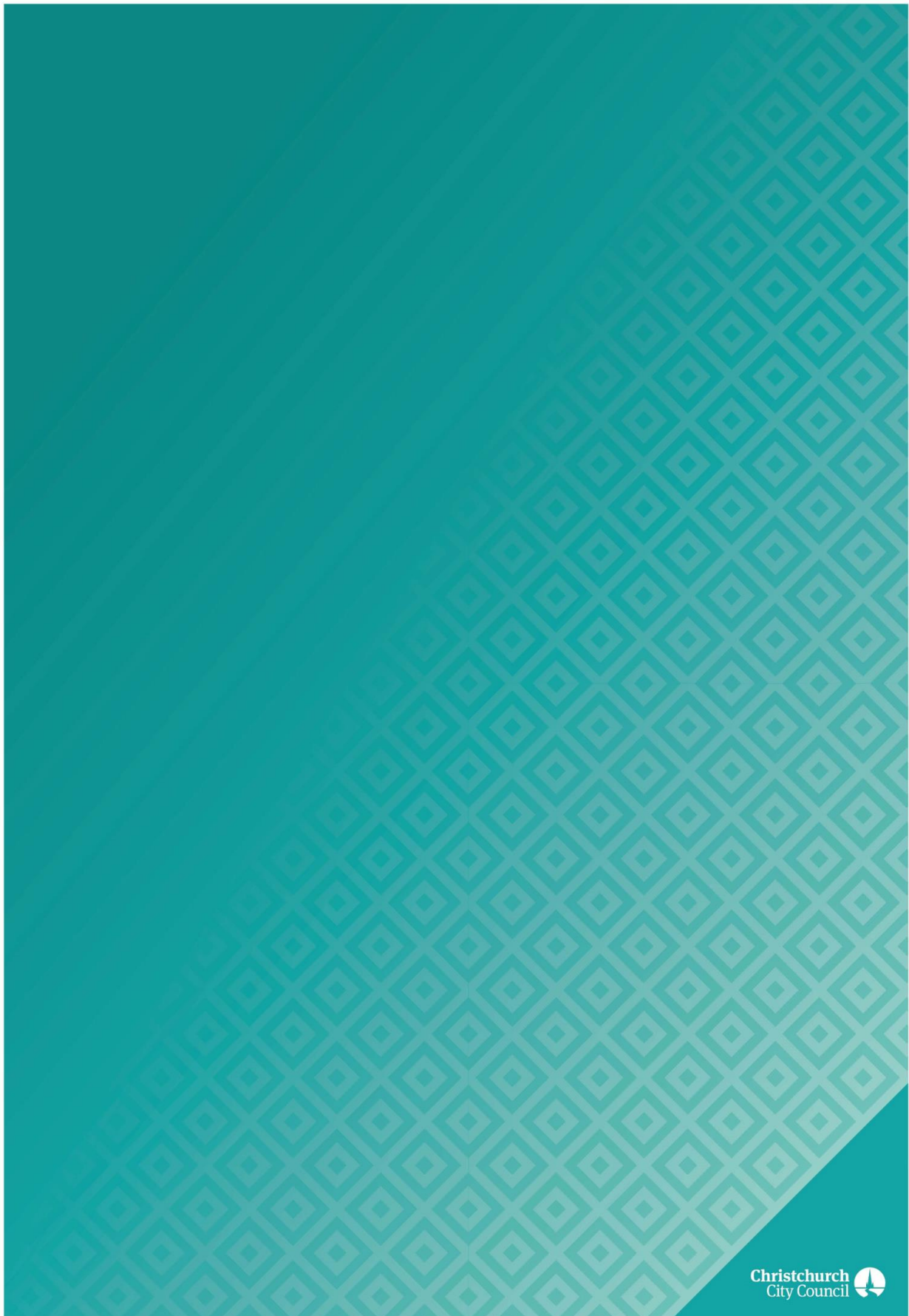
### NGĀI TAHU MAHAANUI IWI MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013.

*This document notes that 'reserves, parks and other open space provide numerous opportunities to enhance cultural landscape values, particularly indigenous biodiversity. Indigenous species valued by Ngāi Tahu as mahinga kai can be incorporated into landscape design and appropriate protocols developed to enable cultural harvest'.*

### Environment Canterbury Plans

Environment Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan



Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan and landscape Development Plan submitter feedback		
General support comments		
	Specific support for co-ordinated and collaborative approach for development facilities and events for user groups and public	3
	Support retaining natural environment and the general approach to keep built structures to a minimum	7
	Development and building of facilities to support aquatic recreation for groups	8
	Supports improvements such as grading of beach to access and use of Lake Rua ie eg swimming, boat/model yacht launch	10
	Support for biodiversity protection and enhancement proposals including planting eg trees for wind protection and shelter round Tahī	7
	Appreciation of water quality and need to protect	2
	Supports changing the entrance to Outlook Place	20
Roads and parking	Improve the narrow potholed and unsealed access road , also other roads	17
	Manage traffic in and out	6
	More and better defined and managed parking,	25
	User group support for no traffic past Lake Tahī eg canoe polo	3
	Support unused access road over the underpass being closed	1
	Support for activities available for all ages and socio-economic groups and cultures	1
Disability and Health and Safety	Ensure disability access/priority including pathways, entrances, furniture	3
	Ensure sun safety/ shade plantings and shaded furniture location	7
	Rua - Remove dangerous debris for swimmers	2
	Rua - remove trees below water- hazard	1
	Any way to manage safety, especially for children?	1
Walking and cycling access and facilities	Walking tracks including access to other spaces such as Ōtukaikino	2
	Provide bike access and facilities - on site tracks and links, stands,	6
Managing time and allocation of space	Consider a booking system or key access	2
	Allocated times for jet skis on Lake Tahī to allow for other users	3
	Separate areas for kayaking and swimming	1
	Development of platforms for diving and jumping	3
	Additional canoe polo courts	7
	Avoid motorised craft	1
Dogs	No dog zones	2
	Dogs on leads needs to be enforced	4
	Dog fenced area	1
	Dogs allowed to swim in designated area?	3
Recreational and service facilities	Ensure sun safety/ shade plantings and shaded furniture location	7
	Provide barbecues	7
	Changing rooms	2
	Another toilet	1
	Open air shower?	1
	Outdoor furniture eg picnic tables seats to view lakes	8
	Rubbish/recycling bins, managed	4
Family and children	Family friendly spaces including access for children to equipment	3
	Nature scape playground	2
	Back to nature activities for kids	1
	Pier for kids to fish from	1
	Shallow swimming waterplay area for young children?	2
Other use of space	Pump track	1
	Radio control car track (low priority)	1
User group	Use of removable structures eg shipping containers an option or close by eg Canoe Polo	2
	Consider access for user group vehicles with large trailers	1
	Make sure lake edge planting are suitable for sailing boats	1
	Jet ski safety concerns about the proposed marker as barrier to protect wildlife	1
	Demarcation lines for sailing in peak season	1
	Power supply eg for canoe polo	1
Commercial activity	Allow commercial activities such as ice-cream vendor, inflatable water park, kayak hire	4
	Designated separate area for food truck/s	1
Behavioural and social concerns	Consider alcohol free	1
	Manage anti-social behaviour and vandalism eg. security, life guards, security cameras	6
Birdlife, biodiversity and plantings	Retain willows around lake Rua	1
	Protect crested grebe and deter other water fowl	1
	Crested grebes not affected by Jet skis (CJSC)	1
	Anti jet ski noise and disruption to bird life	1
	Don't do anything to change it	1

General and wider organisation feedback	Project team response Management Plan
<b>Support comments</b>	
<b>*See table below for more detailed summary of feedback and project team response for key organisations and user group submissions.</b>	
<p>Three or more comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re locating main entrance Outlook Place</li> <li>• Development and building of facilities to support aquatic recreation</li> <li>• Support for biodiversity protection and enhancement proposals</li> <li>• Enhancement of the Lake Rua northern shoreline for better access and use</li> <li>• Support for the general approach to keep built structures to a minimum</li> <li>• Support that funding be spent protecting and enhancing biodiversity and water quality</li> <li>• Reserve furniture enhancements e.g. Picnic tables</li> <li>• Expansion of Canoe Polo Courts</li> </ul>	The council team acknowledges the strong support for all these points as put forward in the range of policies and proposals in the draft Management Plan and Development Plan. They will be retained in the final proposal
<p>Three or fewer comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of platforms for diving and jumping</li> <li>• Support unused access road over the underpass being closed</li> </ul>	As above - support acknowledged. These points were included in the draft plans and will be retained in the final proposals for the management and development plans.
<b>Additional suggestions</b>	
<p>More and better defined parking – for peak times, events, also to relieve congestion on access roads</p>	<p>We have allowed for overflow parking but we are not planning to increase general parking. We are proposing a different access point that will help with this, but there is a capacity issue and we need to manage numbers. The aim is to maximise the natural environment space for everyone to use while still managing the natural character values of the reserve. (see also feedback around access via public transport, cycling and walking).</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan: Add new bullet point to Issues Section 4.2 (Access, Circulation &amp; Parking):</b>  <b>“During the peak season, limited parking capacity within the Reserve can become an issue, leading to traffic congestion and unsafe parking behaviour” to highlight issue.</b></p>
<p>Outdoor furniture and picnic tables need to include sun safety - shade via plantings or shade structures</p> <p>*Includes submission from CIAL</p>	<p>We can make sure that shade is maximised with tree coverage.</p> <p>There is provision for shade structures in Policy 2.1.1.8 and we propose to add the words ‘shade sails’ to Policy 2.5.2.</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan: Add words ‘shade sails’ to Policy 2.5.2 to provide flexibility in meeting the needs of park users.</b></p>
Provide barbecues	Although Policy 2.5.2 doesn't specifically mention provision of permanent BBQs, parks policy is that portable gas BBQs are permitted.
Change times of jet-ski use on Lake Tahi to allow for other users	This isn't being proposed but Policy 2.1.2 Policy 1 notes that secondary activities may be considered or approved where these are compatible with the primary uses of Lake Tahi and biodiversity values of the habitat

Don't allow motorised craft – concern about jet-ski on Lake Tahī noise and disruption to bird life especially Crested Grebes	<p>The draft management plan acknowledges and addresses the presence of Crested Grebes on Lake Tahī. However, it is not feasible to remove jet skis from Lake Tahī because the lake plays a role in reducing the number of people jet skiing at Brooklands Lagoon and other sites where disturbance would be more of an issue. This helps with the wider management of bird values across the Christchurch district (&amp; beyond). The plan includes a habitat management zone (see 2.6 policy 1, and Figure 3). Staff plan to work with the jet sports club on management strategies, and to promote education within the club about the values that exist in their lake and how to protect them.</p> <p><b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> The extent of the western Lake Tahī habitat area shown in Figure 3 has been modified in consultation with the Jet Sports Club and the council's ecologist to strike a balance between use of the lake and protecting biodiversity values.</b></p>
<p>Ensure disability access including pathways, entrances, furniture ( including submission from Disabled Persons Assembly)*</p> <p>'This is the only place my partner can get into the water from a wheelchair as he cannot go to the beach in his wheelchair'</p>	<p>Acknowledged.</p> <p>Shared use pathways are proposed (2.4.6) for walkers, runners and cyclists, maintaining clear sightlines for safety of all users. The development and maintenance of pathways will consider all users and aim to avoid conflict for example between cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Access keys to specific areas that are not otherwise accessible to private vehicles can often be arranged with rangers on a case by case basis.</p> <p><b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> Words added to 2.4.6 stating that "Wherever practically possible, paths shall be constructed to accessible standards"</b></p>
Cycle access including entranceway, tracks, stands	Policy 2.4.6 and Policy 2.5.2 allows for cycle access and facilities
Signage and wayfinding	Have been allowed for under policy 2.5.2 where entry, interpretation and wayfinding signage may be provided to meet the needs of park visitors, facilitate the use of the park and improve visitor experience.
More walking tracks – access, links	This is covered in the management plan Section 2.4.6
Additional toilet Sawyers Arms Carpark	Another toilet is not currently proposed by staff at the Sawyers Arms Road Carpark area as the main entrance to the park is proposed to be at Outlook Place. However Policy 2.5.2 allows for toilets to be provided to meet the needs of the park.
Changing areas	Changing area space is already allowed for in recently installed toilets, Provision has been made in the plan for buildings and facilities under Section 2.5.5 Buildings and Structures, also 2.1: Management areas.
Outdoor shower	<p>There are two outdoor showers currently provided.</p> <p><b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> Add words 'outdoor showers' to Policy 2.5.2 to provide flexibility in meeting the needs of park users.</b></p>
Children's playground – nature play activities	Staff do not propose a children's playground at Roto Kohatu Reserve. However, the vision for the reserve is for development and management as an aquatic playground for all ages Children's playgrounds are located at the Groynes Reserve located very close to Roto Kohatu.
Family –friendly and safety considerations for small children? Shallow swimming area? Pier for kids to fish from?	Management Area A, Policy 2.1.1.2 places a priority on informal public recreation which will allow for a range of family friendly activities.
Suggestions of commercial use- ice cream vendor, inflatable water park, kayak hire	Commercial use may be approved by an agreement where the activity is consistent with the management plans objectives and policies etc. Refer to Policy 2.3.4 Leases and licences + commercial activities

Separate areas for kayaking and swimming	<b>Change to Draft Management Plan: Add new Policy (2.2.3): 'Management of park areas will take into account any possible conflicts of informal use as identified by council staff and be managed accordingly'.</b>
Recycling/rubbish bins	Covered under Policy 2.5.2, however CCC regional parks have a rubbish free parks policy. However, a bin is located on site at times to address specific needs.
No dog zones/ fenced area	Refer to the CCC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2016
Ability for dogs to be able to use the lakes in set areas	As above. Some discretion is shown for specific dog events and training on the lakes where rangers are notified first.
Dogs on leads to be enforced	Operational Issue and subject to CCC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2016
Pump Track	A pump track is not currently proposed by staff, however under Policy 2.1.3.1 a pump track could be incorporated into management Area C in the future if compatible with existing recreational activities
Remove dangerous debris	On-going checks and removal of debris such as old concrete that poses an immediate hazard is undertaken every few years using a dive crew ( operational issue)
Remove willows as hazard to water users	Refer to policies 2.6.2 Biodiversity and Ecology trees in habitat areas will be managed for biodiversity; 2.7.7 and 2.7.8 - trees outside habitat areas will be evaluated and considered for removal, wilding and less desirable species replaced over time.
Retain willows as key feature	As above- 2.7.8 talks about a gradual replacement of willows over time as they will eventually deteriorate. Replacement planting would likely be appropriate indigenous species refer to 2.7.2
Protect crested grebes	Refer to Section 2.6 Biodiversity and Ecology- the management of Grebes has been an important consideration as part of the development of the plan. A habitat management zone is in the plan (see 2.6 policy 1, and Figure 3). Staff plan to work with the jet sports club on management strategies, and to promote education within the club about the values that exist in their lake and how to protect them.  <b>Change to Draft Management Plan: The extent of the western Lake Tahi habitat area shown in Figure 3 has been modified in consultation with the Jet Sports Club and the council's ecologist to strike a balance between use of the lake and protecting biodiversity values.</b>
Make sure any commercial activities are limited to designated area	Refer to 2.1.1.6 Secondary use Management Area A Also Policy 2.3.4 Leases and Licences
Don't do anything to change it	Thank You
<b>Key points raised by user groups - see separate table below for more detailed response to individual groups and organisations</b>	
Additional Canoe Polo Courts	Refer Policy 2.1.2.4 which allows for the expansion of the canoe polo lake to incorporate two additional playing courts
Use of removable structures eg shipping containers an option or close by eg Canoe Polo	Allowed for under Policy 2.5.5. and 2.5.6, however shipping containers without suitable cladding will not be approved
Consider access for user group vehicles with large trailers	<b>Change to Draft Management Plan: Amend wording of Policy 2.4.5 to include '...will be designed and managed with consideration of a range of recreational uses, and to reduce....'</b>
Highlighting risk to Christchurch Airport of a large number of birds and the wording in the plan needs to specify this	See detailed response to CIAL submission below.

<b>Related feedback</b>	
Provide public transport access and cycle lanes e.g. Connecting cycle trails to the Waimakariri Regional Park via the Otukaikino Track. Isaacs Conservation Farm. Sealed Cycleways to surrounding transport routes	This is beyond the scope of a Reserve's Act management Plan. Linkages to neighbouring reserves and other public areas is intended to be considered as part of an Otukaikino-Groynes masterplan in the future. Wayfinding and interpretation signage will assist the public with navigating to and along existing paths and routes outside of the reserve. Public transport routes are the responsibility of Environment Canterbury (ECan).
<b>Points raised outside of what the plan addresses but for operational consideration:</b>	
Antisocial behaviour- drugs, alcohol	This is generally outside the scope of a management plan. However (Refer 2.5.4) - CPTED principles will be applied in planning and development of buildings and structures. Operationally, staff work as much as possible with Police, Community Watch and local users on addressing issues around public safety and security. The main carpark/ picnic ground area now has a surveillance camera installed.  <b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> Add new policy to 2.4 (Access, Circulation &amp; Parking) to include CPTED wording similar to 2.5.4. "CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles will be applied in the planning and development of all access, circulation and parking development"</b>
Non-compliance e.g. dogs not under effective control	Refer to the CCC Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. Serious non-compliance issues can be raised with rangers, the animal control team, or in worst case scenarios, NZ Police
Water quality monitoring	Monitoring is done by Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury (ECan). The Council tests groundwater at points surrounding the reserve as part of monitoring the old landfill site. We recently carried out extended testing of all three lakes for contaminants, and plan to continue on an annual basis. ECan carries out weekly bacterial monitoring at the reserve to meet recreational standards, updated on the LAWA website.
Alcohol ban	We plan to discuss this further with Police and Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board.
More security e.g. camera	A security camera has just been installed in the main carpark/ picnic ground area.  <b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> Add words 'security cameras' to Policy 2.5.2 to provide flexibility in meeting the needs of the park.</b>
Lifeguards	We are planning to have a reserve with free to access and unpatrolled water body, much like other lakes and rivers in the region. Refer to 2.1.1.1.

User group, wider organisation and detailed submissions	Project team response Management Plan
<p><b>Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL)</b>  <i>Key points:</i>            Some changes suggested to specific policies <u>2.5 policy 2, 2.6 objective 1, 2.6 policy 5, 2.7 policy 1, 2.7 policy 2, 4.4 point 4</u>  <i>Summary:</i>            Overall some minor changes to wording to which generally emphasise the risk large numbers of birds pose to the nearby airport and to highlight that any development needs to be compatible with airport activities as a matter of priority.</p>	<p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Addition of wording in Policy 2.5.2 to include 1) additional facilities and services that may be provided, 2) ensure that they are maintained, and 3) ensure that they do not attract birds and vermin</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Minor wording amendment to Objective 2.6.1 (Biodiversity and Ecology) to 1) reinforce Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL) bird strike concerns and 2) include not just species but also their habitats</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Minor amendment to Policy 2.6.5 to discourage bird feeding not just for bird strike species</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Addition of wording to Policy 2.7.1 to require consultation with CIAL regarding preparation of a development plan to reduce bird strike risk</p> <p>2.7 Policy 3 The current wording already covers this point and covers the entire reserve outside of the landfill area to include the lake margins.</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Addition of wording to Section 4.4 (Biodiversity and Ecology) to highlight that careful design and planning can be used as an effective tool to help reduce bird strike risk</p>
<p><b>North Canterbury Fish and Game</b>  <i>Key Points:</i>            2.1.1 Policy 10- Concerns if too many fishing structures were removed. Would like this to be modified to add in consultation with Fish and Game.            Concerns that removal of fishing structures may reduce angling opportunities for users.            2.1.2.1- Fishing not considered an activity on Lake Tahi although fish present.            2.6 Biodiversity and Ecology- would like to see mention of some mention of protection of freshwater values.  <i>Summary:</i></p>	<p>2.1.1 Policy 10: The focus of any removed structures would be those located in habitat areas. Accept the suggested change and add Fish and Game to wording.</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Change Policy 2.1.1.10 to include underlined words below: "Fishing structures around the lake will be removed over time in consultation with the Canterbury Coarse Fishing Club <u>and Fish and Game to support the enhancement and protection of habitat areas (refer section 2.6 Biodiversity and ecology).</u> At the discretion of the Council, selected fishing platforms along the causeway and western edge of Lake Rua may remain.</p> <p>2.1.2.1 Comment that fishing was not considered an activity on Lake Tahi- The activities referenced in 2.1.2 were not itemised. This section seeks to highlight that the primary activity is jet sports use and secondary use needs to be approved by the Council and not in conflict with the primary use.  <i>Note:</i> Section 5.4.4 notes that some coarse fishing use has taken place on Lake Tahi</p> <p>2.6 Biodiversity and Ecology-            Wording is geared towards managing conflicts between recreation and disturbance to wildlife. However Section 6.2 (planning framework) guides the management of reserve including freshwater values.</p>

User group, wider organisation and detailed submissions	Project team response Management Plan
<p><b>Cancer Society (Canterbury –West Coast Division)</b>  <i>Key points:</i>  Map provided ranking councils providing shade space for playgrounds.  Some changes suggested to specific policies <u>2.1.8 change</u> may be constructed to will be constructed,  <u>2.2</u> that sun safety be part of event applications  <u>2.3</u> leases, licences and agreements need to provide for sun safety. Mention of CCC smoke free policy added to leases and agreements.  <u>2.7</u> re vegetation and planting,  Noted that it was pleasing to see that this had been considered in the Roto Kohatu development plan.  Support for tree planting especially trees with a wide canopy and around the lake edge. Overall see the planting of trees as a high priority.</p>	<p>We are planning for effective shade around play space including planting trees.</p> <p><b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan: Add the words ‘shade sails’ to 2.5.2</u></b></p> <p>Policy 2.1.8: Change in wording not recommended as the plan needs to allow flexibility for management and development.</p> <p>Section 2.2: This is not a policy specific to this management plan and would be part of a wider discussion on events in general. Change not recommended. Note: Health and Safety plans are currently required for event permits.</p> <p>Section 2.3: As above not specific to this plan. Change not recommended.</p>
<p><b>Disabled Persons Assembly</b>  <i>Key points:</i>  Noted key design elements to consider to allow suitable access for people with disabilities especially entranceways, pathways and park furniture.  <i>Summary:</i>  Recommendation 10 asks that Bikes be prohibited from pathways which is not something that has been proposed in the management plan.</p>	<p>See above response on disability access.</p> <p>Shared use pathways are proposed (2.4.6) for walkers, runners and cyclists, maintaining clear sightlines and safety of all users.</p> <p><b><u>Change to Draft Management Plan: Add words to 2.4.6 stating that “Wherever practically possible, paths shall be constructed to accessible standards”</u></b></p> <p>The development and maintenance of pathways will consider all users and aim to avoid conflict for example between cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Refer to 2.4.6- Paths and routes will be designed for shared use, including clear sightlines and safety for all users.</p>
<p><b>KORE Ltd (Sailing, Teaching, Training and Recreational sailing course and hire)</b>  <i>Key points:</i>  Support for recent and continued developments which have improved the reserve</p> <p><i>Summary:</i>  Support to close the existing driveway and provide access from Outlook Place.  Consider access for club vehicles with large trailers.  Support for Gazebo/ Shade structures in the main picnic ground  Re grading/ re shaping of Lake Rua beach for better access  Support for lake edge planting but consider that trees over 2m can impact on sailing.  Suggest for Harakeke or similar.  Would like demarcation lines for management of sailing in peak season.  Support for habitat areas and enhancement for Crested Grebes.  Support for proposed shared storage facility at Lake Rua.</p>	<p>Thanks for support.</p> <p>Demarcation lines have not been proposed for the management of different water sports at this stage. The focus has been on coordinating use by outlining primary and secondary uses, peak use periods for different management areas and formalising agreements for the different levels of use.</p>

User group, wider organisation and detailed submissions	Project team response Management Plan
<p><b>Canterbury Jetski</b>  <i>Key points:</i>  Wildlife values on Lake Tahi and with Jet Ski activity  <i>Summary:</i>  The club noting their observations that the Crested Grebes are not impacted by jet sport activity.  The club have noted that creating and defining a habitat zone (<i>figure 3 section 2.1</i>) at the western edge of Lake Tahi will have an impact on their use of the lake.  The club have noted some safety concerns and wish to maintain the status quo and would prefer to have no marker buoys for habitat areas.  This is something that would need to be amended in the current draft plans.</p>	<p>A habitat management zone is in the plan (see 2.6 policy 1, and Figure 3). Staff plan to work with the jet sports club on management strategies, and to promote education within the club about the values that exist in their lake and how to protect them.</p> <p><b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> The extent of the western Lake Tahi habitat area shown in Figure 3 has been modified in consultation with the Jet Sports Club and the council's ecologist to strike a balance between use of the lake and protecting biodiversity values.</p>
<p><b>Christchurch Model Yacht Club 1098 (CMYC)</b>  <i>Key points:</i>  Although use is infrequent the club wish to continue to have access to the lake.  <i>Summary:</i>  The club seek an agreement which allows their use to continue.  The club wish to continue to occupy storage space at the reserve.  If a shared use facility is built to replace containers then the club wish to have use of that space free of charge.</p>	<p>The club will need to consider the policies in section 2.3 (Leases, licences and other tenure agreements) which refer to permanent occupation of the reserve.</p>
<p><b>Christchurch Outdoor Swimming Club</b>  <i>Key Points:</i>  General support for enhancement and coordination of the activities at the reserve.  Access via Outlook Place a priority.  The need to further protect and enhance water quality.  Safety issues such as the management of conflict of use- how will the management plan manage those conflicts?  Assurance of long term guaranteed access for clubs.  Management of anti-social behaviour. Implementation of an alcohol ban.  Request Masterplan is developed.  Concerns of reserve classification.</p>	<p>Water quality is an operational issue see notes above which provide clarification of the current measures in place which have been reviewed and refined more closely during the preparation of the draft management plan.</p> <p>A master plan is no longer proposed and has been superseded by the current Management Plan and Development Plan.</p> <p>Reserve re-classification process has now been completed.</p> <p>Other points have been covered in the plan such as:  <u>2.1 Management Areas, 2.2 Recreation and Sport-</u> in reference to better control of uses and activities, coordination. This section seeks to prioritise use, identify periods of peak use and outline policies which aid in the coordination of three separate management areas within the reserve.  <u>2.3 leases, licences and other tenure agreements-</u> in reference to conflicting uses and increased demand, assurance of long term guaranteed access for clubs and the overall coordination of use of the reserve. This section aims to address these points and outlines a process where agreements will be formed with all clubs and organisations with regular and ongoing use of the reserve.</p>

<p><b>Mainland Canoe Polo Association</b> <i>Key Points:</i> Conditional support for <u>2.4 objective 2</u> would like consideration to be given to parking for large events <u>2.4 policy 1, 3</u> strongly support new park entry and separation for canoe polo lake area and provision for separate access in future if available. <u>2.5 policy 6&amp;7</u> would prefer to see the ability to use removable structures like containers for storage on an ongoing basis. Conditional support for <u>development item #25</u> Removal of existing vehicle bay and replace with landscaped area- suggest keeping overflow carpark at the top of the hill. Conditional support for <u>development item #24</u> - concerns over the location and distance of a shared sports facility and would possibly prefer the continued use of storage containers over a shared facility.</p>	<p><u>2.4 objective 2</u>: Refer to Policy 2.4.10-parking in areas other than recognised parking areas may be allowed as part of approvals for an event. Policy 2.5.6 and 2.5.7: The feedback on these comments regarding removable structures and shipping containers is consistent with what is currently proposed. No changes required. In response to points raised:  <u>Development Item 25</u> - Current overflow parking removal: It is likely that this overflow space may still be available in some capacity for specific events or requests. The current proposal aims to reduce the general use of vehicles in this space as it encourages antisocial behaviour and dangerous driving. Other alternatives also exist such as arranging the use of the parking space used by the jet sports club refer to Policies 2.1.2.1 and 2.1.2. 2. Also note that Development item 14 indicates the development of parking adjacent to the canoe polo lake as part of an overall upgrade of the canoe polo site. <u>Development item 24</u>- Shared Sports Facility: The location and design of a shared sports facility in this area would need to be carefully planned with the Canoe Polo and Jet Sports club in order to find a balanced approach to meeting the needs for all. (Refer to Management Plan section 4.2 on the need to minimise buildings and structures and shared use). A storage facility at the Canoe Polo area has been allowed for see number 5.</p>
<p><b>Aoraki Dragonboating</b> <i>Key Points:</i> Support for new vehicle access to park off Outlook Place.  Points raised about the habitat area at the SE corner of Lake Rua <u>development item #13</u> and the potential removal of any fishing platforms <u>development item #11</u> which dragonboaters use for races.  Also suggestion that a jetty or dive platform be placed along the causeway. Support for shared use sports facility at the northern end of Lake Rua to replace containers.</p>	<p>Policy 2.1.1.10- removal of fishing structures over time- these areas would be graded to a more natural bank that would still provide access to the water. An access point hasn't been proposed in the habitat management area at the south east corner of Lake Rua but we would work with the club around alternative solutions to continue use provided disturbance to birds was avoided ( Refer Section 2.6 - Biodiversity &amp; Ecology).</p>
<p><b>Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd on behalf of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga</b></p> <p><b>Initial Advice (Pre-consultation)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> Design of any interpretation and representation of Maori culture should appropriately recognise Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri as mana whenua of this takiwā.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> Species used in planting and landscaping should be indigenous and, where possible, obtained from locally sourced seed supplies</p> <p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> An accidental discovery protocol be in affect in the case of required earthworks. This should be worded in accordance with Appendix 3 of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan. All contractors on site should be made familiar with this.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 4:</b> As per policies P10.1 and P10.04 of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan, efforts should be made to rehabilitate the site through removal of contaminated material.</p>	<p><b>Project team response Management Plan</b></p> <p><b>Staff Response to Pre-consultation advice)</b></p> <p>1: Recommendation already included in Policy 2.5.1 of consulted draft.</p> <p>2: Recommendation already included in Policy 2.7.2 of consulted draft.</p> <p>3: <b>Change to Draft Management Plan:</b> Add words “ – including accidental discovery protocols – “ to Policy 2.5.1</p> <p>4: Council continues to monitor groundwater and surface water within the reserve and to-date contamination associated with the landfill has not been detected. Policy 2.8.1 provides guidance to avoid exposure of landfill that may result in contamination.</p>

Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd on behalf of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga	Project team response Management Plan
<p><u>Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd Feedback on Draft Management Plan</u></p> <p><b>Point 1:</b> The lakes may not a suitable site due to historical activities for the provision of mahinga kai. Planting of habitat for indigenous species would, however, be appropriate and would support the mahinga kai values of neighbouring sites such as Ōtukaikino. I don't think this is conveyed well in the draft plan. Particularly as the only reference to the Iwi Management Plan is a paragraph that states 'indigenous species valued by Ngāi Tahu as mahinga kai could be incorporated into landscape design and appropriately protocols developed to enable cultural harvest'.</p> <p><b>Point 2:</b> Policies around biodiversity and ecology 'pest plants and animals are to be removed in accordance with Council policies and practice and ECan guidelines.' IMP policies also require that authorities have clear pest removal objectives. Regarding coarse fish species, is there an intention to remove these from the lake to avoid infiltration of neighbouring waterways or are they suitably enclosed within the lakes? The presence of the pest fish Rudd is recognised under issues, but there don't seem to be associated policies around their removal.</p>	<p><b>Point 1:</b></p> <p><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> Objective 2.6.2; Wording change to reflect significance of habitat planting in the context of the wider landscape: "....protects and enhances park <u>and wider landscape</u> biodiversity values through the creation of habitat areas and additional planting".</p> <p><b>Point 2:</b></p> <p><u>Change to Draft Management Plan:</u> Policy 2.6.6: Wording change to highlight the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan policy on pest species management. "Pest plants and animals are to be removed in accordance with Council policies and practice, Environment Canterbury guidelines, and requirements of the Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan.</p>



## 5. Volumes of Submissions

Reference / Te Tohutoro: 22/880774

Report of / Te Pou Luke Smeele, Hearings and Committee

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General Manager /  
Pouwhakarae: Mary Richardson, General Manager Citizens and Community

### 1. Purpose Te Pūtake Pūrongo




- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Reserves Hearings Panel with:
  - 1.1.1 All submissions received on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan
  - 1.1.2 A schedule of submitters who wish to speak to their submission during the hearings.
- 1.2 **Attachment A** contains a schedule of submitters who will speak to their submission or no longer wish to be heard during the hearings.
- 1.3 **Attachment B** contains the submissions from the submitters who wished to be heard.
- 1.4 **Attachment C** contains a table of submitters who do not wish to be heard. Also included (in corresponding order) is a table with their submissions.
- 1.5 Note, that the Local Government Act 2002 requires, as one of the principles of consultation, that “the views presented to the local authority should be received by the local authority with an open mind and should be given by the local authority, in making a decision, due consideration” (section 82(1)(e)).

### 2. Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Reserves Act Hearings Panel:

1. Accepts the written submissions, including any late submissions, received on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan

### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

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## **Submitters who wish to be heard**

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL  
Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan

SUBMITTERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD

Time	Submission Number	Name/Organisation
9.00am	<b>Committee &amp; Hearings Advisor calls meeting to order Elect Chair (5 minutes)</b>	
9.05am	<b>Council Officer presentation and Panel questions (25 minutes)</b>	
9.30am	45409 & 45442	Amanda Dodd Cancer Society
9.40am	45443	Chris Ford – (ZOOM) Disabled Persons Assembly
9.50am	45446	Simon Rutherford KORE Limited
10.00am	45448	Simon Rutherford - Individual
10.05am		<b>GAP (5 minutes)</b>
10.10am	45471	Lyndon Slater North Canterbury Fish and Game
10.20am	<del>45269</del>	<del>Felicity Blackmore</del> <b>(no longer wishes to be heard)</b> <del>Christchurch International Airport</del>
10.30am	44661	Joanna Taylor – Individual
10.35am	<del>45271</del>	<del>Rebecca Marshall – Individual</del> <b>(no longer wishes to be heard)</b>
	<del>45350</del>	<del>Simon Thwaites</del> <b>(no longer wishes to be heard)</b> <del>Silverskies Limited</del>
	45496	<del>Scotty Moore</del> <b>(no longer wishes to be heard)</b> <del>Canterbury Jet Sports Club</del>
	44882	<del>Lana McLeod – Individual</del> <b>(no longer wishes to be heard)</b>
	<b>Conclusion of oral submissions</b>	
	Break for morning tea	
	<b>Deliberations by Panel</b>	



# **Submissions on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan**

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## **To Be Heard Submissions**

Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan, June 2022

ID	We welcome your submission to the Roto Kohatu Reserve Draft Management Plan	We welcome your comments on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Draft Development Plan	Yes, I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission to the management plan	Name - Organisation
45409 & 45442	Please see attached submission	Please see attached submission	Yes	Amanda Dodd - Cancer Society
45496	See attachment		Yes	Scotty Moore - Canterbury Jet Sports
45269	Please find submission attached.	Please find submission attached.	Yes	Felicity Blackmore - Christchurch International Airport Limited
45443	Please see attached submission	Please see attached submission	Yes	Chris Ford - Disabled Persons Assembly
45446 & 45448	See attached pdf	See attached pdf	Yes	Simon Rutherford - KORE Limited
45472	See attachment		Yes	Lyndon Slater - North Canterbury Fish and Game
45350	I would like to build and operate an inflatable water park at Roto Kohatu reserve. Last year the Waimakariri council have approved a water park at Kaiapoi. This operation has been popular and I believe there is certainly room in Christchurch for a similar operation, closer to the central city. I have lived in Christchurch for 20 years and I have a strong business background, including owning the Silvermoon jewellery chain, Silverskies Ltd and several Pandora jewellery franchises.	My good friend and business colleague Peter Boyle, owns and operates Let's go Hydro, in Belfast (please visit this website to get an idea of what can be achieved), Northern Ireland. This operation is vast and includes outdoor cinemas, canoe water polo, accommodation, and a cafe. I would love to meet with CCC representatives and discuss, what facilities you would like to see at the site.	Yes	Simon Thwaites - Silverskies Ltd
45271		Is there going to be any development on sealing the whole road?	Yes	Rebecca Marshall
44882	I would like some input into the park plan, but could not make 15/02 date. A no dog zone it definitely requires please. And if you put in a off lease or dog area it need poo bags and disposable can. Also, more than one covered picnic or seat area.		Yes	Lana Mcleod

**Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan, June 2022**

ID	We welcome your submission to the Roto Kohatu Reserve Draft Management Plan	We welcome your comments on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Draft Development Plan	Yes, I would like to speak to the Hearings Panel about my submission to the management plan	Name - Organisation
44661	<p>Please Please add more car parks . You are about 500 car parks short. I go to the Lake nearly every day in the summer with my family and the car parking, at the moment, is dangerous.</p> <p>The Lakes are wonderful in the winter, i walk my dog every day throughout the winter and i feel this could be another great place to encourage city people to get out and about with their dog when they find out just how beautiful the lakes are at our own back door.</p>	<p>I do worry that one day some young child could drown. I not sure how you can monitor the safety as i feel it's up to the parents but, as we know , children can drown very quickly and quietly.</p> <p>More BBQ settings especially for families that may not be able to afford BBQs of their own.</p> <p>I love seeing such a diversity of cultures at Roto and hopefully this can be encouraged ten fold.</p> <p>Back to nature activities would be wonderful.</p> <p>Maybe a pier that kids could fish from.</p>	Yes	Gloria Nathan



Submission #45269

**Christchurch International Airport Ltd**  
**Submission on**  
**Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan**  
**Prepared Draft Management Plan**

**TO:** Christchurch District Council (the Council)  
Via – online portal: <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/450#startsubmission>

**SUBMITTER:** Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL)

**Contact:** Felicity Blackmore  
Environment and Planning Manager



**ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:** As above.

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### Introduction and Background

1. CIAL welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Roto Kahatu Reserve Management Plan (**the Draft Plan**).
2. CIAL wishes to acknowledge the endeavours by Christchurch City Council in undertaking a consultative exercise associated with the Draft Plan, and efforts by Council Staff to work with CIAL to date.

### The Draft Reserve Management Plan

3. CIAL recognises that the recreational reserve and waterbodies associated with Roto Kohatu (**the Reserve**) has been in place for some time. CIAL also commend the Christchurch City Council in seeking to formalise activities and management of the Reserve through the Management Plan (Draft November 2021).
4. CIAL acknowledges the undertakings within the Draft Reserve Management Plan to account for activities that may lead to an increased risk in birdstrike. CIAL seek amendments (as drafted below, or to achieve a similar outcome) to account for the following:
  - [A] CIAL would like an opportunity to review any landscape plans proposed at the Reserve. This would enable CIAL to review the plant species proposed to ensure all plants are appropriate and will not create any potential increased risk from birdstrike as provided for in the Draft Reserve Management Plan in Section 2.6, Objective 1 and Issue 4.4.
  - [B] CIAL would like to see the inclusion of wildlife-proof bins or Smart bins that have are closed when not in operation to prevent any birds, mammals or rodents obtaining access to the bins on site.
  - [C] Further to this, CIAL would like confirmation that regularly scheduled bin collections are planned for the Reserve. Additional bin collections may be required after high public traffic times, such as sporting events, community activities and extended holiday weekends, as there will likely be higher volumes of rubbish following these occasions.

### Relief Sought

5. CIAL **support, with minor amendments as identified** the following elements of the Draft Management Plan:
  - a. **Section 2.5, Policy 2** – so as to seek that the design and maintenance of litter bins and toilets are undertaken so as to avoid scavenging opportunities for bird species.

2. Facilities and services such as drinking fountains, cycle racks, track markers, seating, bridges, rubbish bins, signs (entry, interpretation, and wayfinding), and toilets may be provided, **and are maintained** to meet the needs of park visitors, facilitate use of the park; ~~and improve the visitor experience; and discourage scavenging opportunities for birds.~~

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- b. **Section 2.6, Objective 1** – Which seeks to recognise bird strike risk to the Airport. CIAL seeks however, that given the catastrophic nature of Birdstrike risk, that this should be prioritised over habitat through the following amendment in caps and underlined ~~or struck out~~.

1. To protect vulnerable or uncommon birds on the park only where species, and habitat are compatible with airport activities.

- c. **Section 2.6, Policy 5** – Which identifies that signage will be established to advocate feeding of bird species associated with bird strike. However, for clarity this extended for all bird species, as scavenging birds are not so discernible, nor are the public able to discern which species carry higher risk of Birdstrike.

5. Advocacy measures including signage, interpretation and publicity may be used to improve people's understanding of birds on the site including the need to stay away from habitat areas and avoid feeding bird species. ~~associated with bird strike of airplanes.~~

- d. **Section 2.7, Policy 1** – The nature, extent and type of landscaping can have significant repercussions in terms of attracting bird species which are risk species in terms of bird strike. CIAL is able, through its extensive research and availability of experts to provide useful guidance on landscape plans to reduce risk.

1. Planting will be guided by a development plan to be prepared by the Council (as consulted on with Christchurch International Airport Limited to reduce Birdstrike risk).

- e. **Section 2.7, Policy 2** – The manner in which bank margins are designed and planted can have considerable implications in terms of discouraging flocking birds.

2. Specimen trees will be established and maintained outside of the landfill area to provide shade and shelter for visitors and discourage flocking birds. as well as any landscape planting and design for the margins of Management Area A and Management Area B to be designed, planted and maintained to discourage flocking birds.

- f. **Section 4.4, Bullet point 2** – The manner in which landscape, design and management to reduce increased birds strike risk should be explicit.

- ☐ The proximity of the park to Christchurch International Airport and associated risk of bird strike means that some birds should be discouraged from using the park through design, landscaping and management.

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**Conclusion**

6. CIAL would welcome any opportunities to discuss the contents of this submission further with Council Officers or Councillors, including any Hearing on the matters raised.

**Signed** for and on behalf of Christchurch International Airport Limited



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Submission #45409

**Submission**  
**Roto Kohatu Reserve**  
**Draft Management & Development Plan**



**25 March 2022**

This submission is from the Cancer Society of New Zealand, Canterbury-West Coast Division Inc. Our mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer for all New Zealanders. Skin cancer is our country's most common cancer, yet the vast majority of these skin cancers are preventable since they are caused by excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun. The Cancer Society is a leading advocate of evidence-based approaches to reduce exposure to UVR and therefore reduce skin cancer rates.

The Local Government Act highlights the need for a healthy and safe environment, so we were delighted to see that the provision of some shade has been factored into these development and management plans. Councils are in a unique position to ensure that sun protection options are provided in shared, outdoor public places, particularly with respect to shade at Council-owned or controlled facilities and community events.

However, we believe further actions could be taken to enhance and therefore better protect the health and safety of users of the reserve as outlined in this submission.

**Why is sun safety important for Roto Kahatu Reserve**

New Zealanders love enjoying the outdoors, however, there is an invisible health and safety hazard which Council needs to factor into the development and management of these spaces:

**protection from excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun.**

There is a common misperception that sun safety is purely about individual behaviour change strategies. However this ignores the influence of broader socioeconomic, political and environmental factors that impact UVR exposure over an individuals' life-course. The Council has a responsibility to provide 'healthy built environments' ensuring public places provide sun protection options to the public, especially with respect to shade. A key advantage of changing our environments, rather than relying purely on an individual's actions is that everyone in the community can benefit equally – (i.e. it does not rely on people having sufficient finances to purchase sunscreen/sunhat for protection).

Local authority responsibility in creating healthy outdoor environments has been outlined as a key priority in reducing skin cancer rates in the 2022 Cancer Prevention Report by Te Aho o te Kahu – the Cancer Control Agency<sup>1</sup>.

A range of information for SunSmart Councils can be found at <https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/sunsmart-communities/sunsmart-councils/> and includes information on planning shade design, adopting policies and promotion of sun protection in your community.

<sup>1</sup> Te Aho o Te Kahu. 2022. *Pūrongo Ārai Mate Pukupuku, Cancer Prevention Report*. Wellington: Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency. [Cancer Prevention Report \(windows.net\)](#)

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## Background evidence - why including sun safety is important

- Solar ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is the cause of 95% of all skin cancers<sup>1</sup>, making it highly preventable.
- New Zealand (and Australia) consistently have the highest skin cancer rates in the world. Each year over 2700 melanoma diagnosis are made<sup>2</sup> and 90,000 non-melanoma skin cancers are identified<sup>3</sup>.
- Costs associated with skin cancer are escalating. In the next 5 year the health system costs are expected to jump by 50%, from the current cost of just under \$200 million to \$300 million.<sup>4</sup>
- Skin cancer prevention is cost effective. For every \$1 spent on prevention there is a \$2-4 return.<sup>5</sup>
- In Christchurch, recorded UVR levels over the past 10 years shows that we have 125 days a year where UV is over 6 <sup>6</sup>. [For a fair skinned person skin damage can occur after approximately 25 minutes outdoors at this UV strength, time for damage is even shorter at higher UVR levels. Christchurch's peak UVR recorded over the past 10 years was 13.7 ].
- Canterbury District Health Board has among the highest melanoma incidence rates in Aotearoa.<sup>7</sup>
- Quality shade, through both natural and built means, that is well-designed and positioned can reduce UVR exposure by up to 75%. <sup>8</sup> It can also enhance the amenity value for the community.
- Provision of shade is the most effective sun protection strategy (of the slip, slop, slap, wrap strategies).<sup>9</sup>
- Creating healthy outdoor environments is listed as a priority focus area in the 2022 Cancer Prevention Report. <sup>10</sup>
- In a 2013 survey in Aotearoa, more than 75 percent of respondents agreed that their Council should use money from rates to provide shade in public places.<sup>11</sup>
- Provision of shade varies throughout Councils in Aotearoa. Most playgrounds have no shade over play equipment, seats and tables, with playgrounds from more deprived areas significantly less likely to have at least one source of shade<sup>12</sup>. Refer to this submissions supporting documentation for a report specific to Christchurch City Council and a map that compares shade provided by Christchurch City Council to other Councils in the country.
- Proximity to water increases an individual's risk exposure to UVR and therefore skin/eye damage (as UVR also reflects from water and other reflective surfaces) <sup>13</sup>. Sunscreen can also easily wash off/be towel dried off and it can be impractical to wear sunhats depending on the water/leisure activity.

<sup>1</sup> International Agency for Research on Cancer. The Global Cancer Observatory; 2020. 'Melanoma and non-melanoma estimated number of new cases and deaths in 2020, worldwide, both sexes, all ages. France: IARC; 2020 [cited 2021 Sep 2]. Available from: [gco.iarc.fr/today/home](https://gco.iarc.fr/today/home)

<sup>2</sup> New Zealand Cancer Registry, Ministry of Health 2020

<sup>3</sup> Sneddy MJ, Gray A. Expected non-melanoma skin (keratinocytic) cancer incidence in New Zealand for 2018. In. Wellington: Health Promotion Agency. March 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Melanoma Summit Presentation by Associate Professor Louisa Gordon; 2022

<sup>5</sup> Gordon L, Shih S, Watts C, Goldsbury D, Green A, *Public Health Research & Practice*, The economics of skin cancer prevention with implications for Australia and New Zealand: where are we now? <https://doi.org/10.17061/phrp31502119>

<sup>6</sup> National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, NIWA UVI measurement data over 10 years

<sup>7</sup> Environmental Health Intelligence New Zealand, 2021, <https://www.ehinz.ac.nz/assets/Factsheets/Melanoma-cancer-registrations-released-Jul-2021.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> Parsons PG, Neale R, Wolski P, Green A. The shady side of solar protection. *Med J Aust*. 1998;168(7):327-30. CrossRef | PubMed

<sup>9</sup> NZMJ 22 October 2021, Vol 134 No 1544, Prevention is better than a cure: we can do better in skin cancer control in New Zealand! Bronwen M McNoe

<sup>10</sup> Te Aho o Te Kahu. 2022. *Pūrongo Ārai Mate Pukupuku, Cancer Prevention Report*. Wellington: Te Aho o Te Kahu, Cancer Control Agency. [Cancer Prevention Report \(windows.net\)](https://www.teahokahu.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Policy/Policy-Policy.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> Napier City Council. 2016. Shade Policy. Napier City Council. URL: <https://www.napier.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Policy/Policy-Policy.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> Gage R, Wilson N, Signal L, Thomson G. Shade in playgrounds: findings from a nationwide survey and implications for urban health policy. *Journal of Public Health* 27, 2019. [Shade in playgrounds: findings from a nationwide survey and implications for urban health policy | SpringerLink](https://doi.org/10.1093/pub/27.2.109)

<sup>13</sup> IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans Volume 100D, Solar and Ultraviolet Radiation, [https://publications.iarc.fr/\\_publications/media/download/5241/91f6c0b6753e34e03b07f869e0bfa22e18e459a6.pdf](https://publications.iarc.fr/_publications/media/download/5241/91f6c0b6753e34e03b07f869e0bfa22e18e459a6.pdf)

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## ~~Recommendations on the Draft Management Plan~~

### Steps Council can take to minimise the health and safety risk of UVR:

The Cancer Society was encouraged to see that sun safety through the provision of shade has been included in the management and development plan for Roto Kahuta Reserve. This would help ensure Council meets its health and safety obligations. However, there are other simple steps that could help ensure that the benefits of a shady environment can be maximised and encourage an expectation of being safe in the sun.

#### 1. Re Management Areas (2.1 - Lake Rua)

We note policy 8 in the management plan (as below), however we would strongly encourage this to change to "will be constructed"

*"At the discretion of the Council a shade structure or structures **may be constructed** that could be associated with a future recreation facility in this area."*

#### 2. Recreation and Sport (2.2)

- That sun safety be part of the check-list when considering applicants for events/bookings. For example this could include aspects like:
  - Is sun safety part of the applicant's health and safety plan?
  - Will there be sufficient shade available for event attendees? Or have organisers sourced additional portable shade gazebos? Are event organisers aware of the CCC/Cancer Society free shade and sunscreen booking system for community events?
  - Will the promotion of the event or communications during the event include sun safety reminders – especially around sunhats, sunscreen, sunglasses and cover up clothing?
  - Will sunscreen be available for members of public to use? Or will event attendees be encouraged prior to bring their own?
  - Has the event been scheduled outside of peak UVR times (if availability allows)?
- That all bookings and agreements are required to acknowledge that they are taking steps to ensure their activities are both SunSmart and Smokefree

#### 3. Leases, licenses, and other tenure agreements (2.3)

- Commercial activities on the reserve should complement the enjoyment and experience of visitors, therefore they also need to be providing for the safety of customers in relation to sun safety. Any vendors supplying tables/areas where public can consume their products should be encouraged to place tables/seating in areas of available shade – or provide portable shade over these areas for their customers.
- Mention of CCC policy that stipulates the Reserve is both smokefree and vape-free should be included in all lease, license or agreements (if it is not already). Staff should be encouraged to politely remind the public of this smokefree status should the need arise.

#### 4. Re Vegetation and planting (2.7)

We were encouraged to see mention of trees to provide shade for visitors. We endorse selection of specimen trees that are fast growing and will provide superior amounts of shade canopy. *Please refer to our suggestions on species under comments for draft development plan.*

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**5. Re Other Recommendations/Comments**

- That placement of picnic areas be prioritised to spaces that have available shade already – or that built shade is provided over these spaces.
- Assess whether car park areas have visible smokefree signage that would encourage visitors to be smokefree and vape-free during their visit to the Reserve.

**~~Comments re Draft Development Plan~~**

Our comments are primarily focused on the safety of the public in relation to exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun. We note from the management plan that approximately two thirds of booked events are water-based – therefore increasing the level of risk from UVR. Therefore, it is important for Council to take steps to help mitigate these health and safety risks.

- **Landscaping:**

We fully endorse trees being planted around the edge of Lake Rua to provide shade. We encourage careful selection of appropriate species in relation to how much shade they can provide. Exotic species often have a wider shade canopy. Options for shade trees suited to South Island conditions can be found at <https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/assets/Be-SunSmart/Slip-into-shade/Shade-trees-for-schools-South-Island.pdf>

However, if indigenous species are preferred - then selection of varieties that either have a large canopy, or planting in clusters/groupings, can result in functional shade that the public can benefit from. Some arborist recommendations for potential shade selection include:

- Totara
- Titoki
- Pittosporum tenuifolium and Lemonwood.
- NZ Beech. Red beech mostly but also black beech.
- Ribbonwoods and lacebarks.
- Manuka
- Kanuka
- Miro (slow growing)
- Matai (slow growing)
- Kowhai

- **Reserve furniture.**

We would also strongly encourage the placement of the picnic tables not only in areas of key activities but to be placed under shaded spots when the sun is at the highest point in the sky (i.e. shaded between about 11am – 2pm, which is when UVR is typically at its strongest. We acknowledge that members of the public may prefer to actively seek out sunlight rather than shade – since our climate often means despite UVR levels being dangerous, the temperature can be cool. However, Council should be taking all practical measures to ensure facilities are placed in the safest spots.

- **Prioritisation of health and safety:**

We note that implementation of the development plan is contingent on sufficient funds and

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prioritisation. Health and safety measures to protect against UVR can easily be neglected, so we encourage Council to keep the planting of trees and placement of picnic tables at its current high priority (in both timeframe and priority grading in respects to other aspects of the plan).

- **Maintaining a smokefree and vapefree environment:**  
If smoking or vaping is observed within the reserve then additional smokefree signage (i.e. key entrances or carparks) should be considered, including no-smoking symbols screwed onto reserve furniture/picnic tables as a way to gently remind public of CCC's smokefree and vapefree policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback in regards to the Roto Kohatu plans. We would encourage you to refer to the information available on [www.sunsmart.org.nz](http://www.sunsmart.org.nz) as it does have a specific SunSmart Councils sections which may have useful information for you.

We would also like to highlight that we are also currently funding research . We will share these findings with the City Council when results are available.

In the meantime, the Cancer Society would be happy to work with Council to develop a Council wide sun protection policy that factors in the latest evidence and utilises the best practice examples both from within Aotearoa and Internationally. Please don't hesitate to contact us if this would be useful.

Kind regards

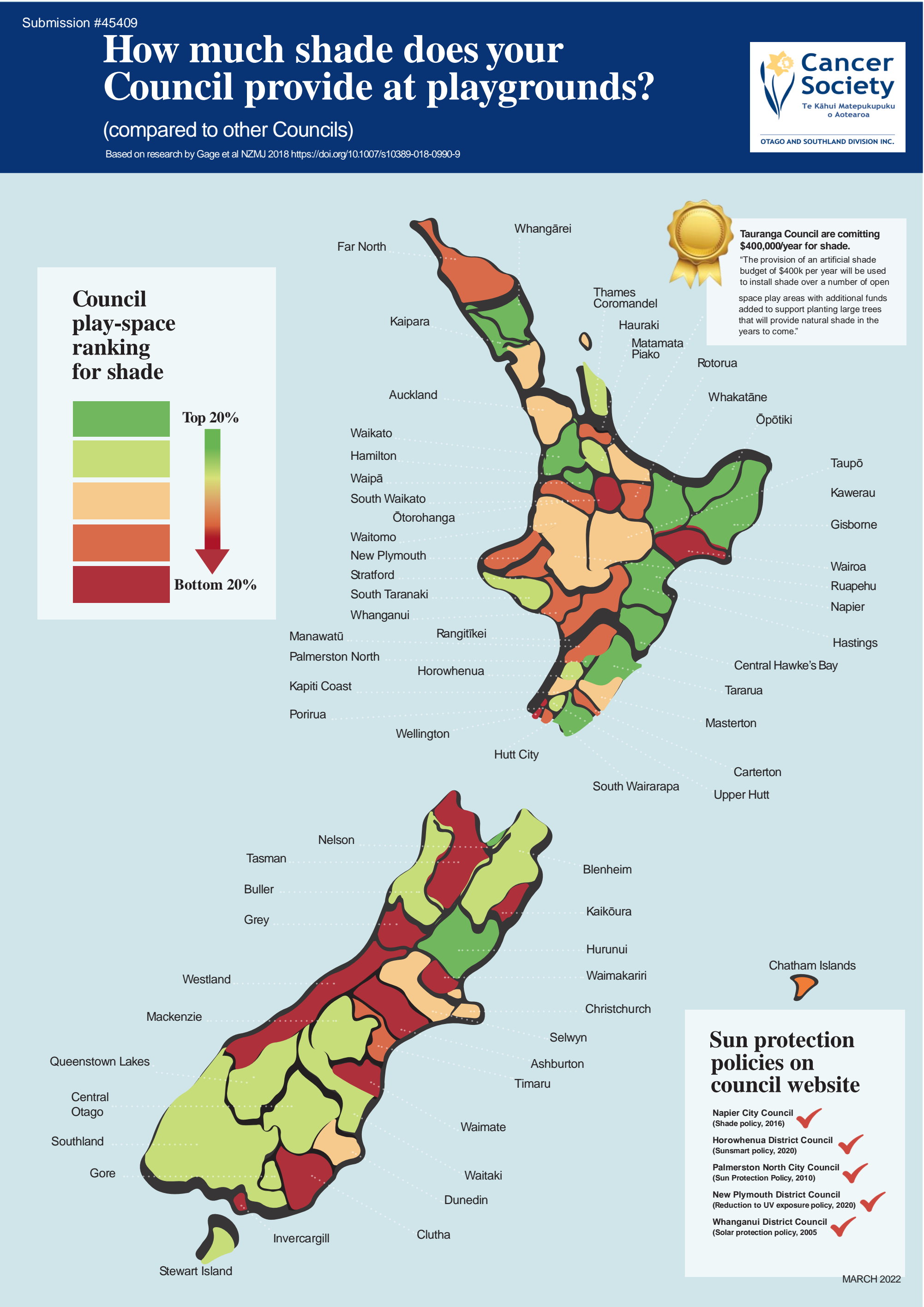


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Amanda Dodd

Please refer to attached supporting documentation:

1. Playground shade summary for Christchurch City Council
2. Council playground shade map
3. SunSmart Councils look after the well-being of our tamariki



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## Playground shade summary for Christchurch City

In 2017, a nationwide survey was conducted of playground shade across the country using Google Earth and Google Street View images. The research aimed to identify the extent of playground shade in each territorial local authority (TLA) and examples of best practice. This report summarises the findings for this particular TLA, and how its playgrounds compare with other parts of New Zealand.

### The importance of shade

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in New Zealand, but is highly preventable. Up to 90% of melanoma and 95% of non-melanoma skin cancers are caused by excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR). The provision of effective shade helps to reduce this harm. The planting of trees can also help to reduce climate change and prevent soil erosion. As trees grow, they absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the atmosphere.

Shade is particularly important when designing and upgrading playgrounds. The Local Government Act 2002 highlights the need for a healthy and safe environments, both now and in the future. A 2013 survey found that 78% of NZ adults 'strongly agreed' or 'somewhat agreed' that their council should use money from rates to provide shade in public places.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, 65% said they would pay \$10 extra per annum to see more shade in public spaces, with 55% saying they would pay \$30 extra.

### Sampling frame and method

A sample of one playground per 10,000 population was selected from each TLA, with a minimum target sample of five playgrounds per TLA (where available). This resulted in a sample of 559 playgrounds nationwide, including 37 from Christchurch City.

For each playground, we estimated the amount of shade covering: main play structures (e.g. series of play equipment, stand-alone play equipment (e.g. swing sets) and sitting/eating areas.

We also identified the proportion of playgrounds that had shade within 10m of any playground equipment. Shade coverage estimates were made using Google Earth satellite and Street View images. To ensure consistency, estimates were made based on shadow patterns expected at solar noon on the summer solstice (approximately 1.30pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December).

<sup>1</sup> Dallas, S. & Kruse, K. (2015). Public opinion on councils' role to provide shade in public places. [In Fact]. Wellington: Health Promotion Agency Research and Evaluation Unit.

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### Key findings: Nationwide sample

#### *New Zealand playgrounds have limited shade*

Of the 559 playgrounds sampled, only 44% had at least one source of shade covering playground activity areas (equipment, seats or tables). Only 14.1% of playground activity (449/ 2896) had at least some shade cover. This contrasts to 84% of activity areas in high-income Sydney playgrounds and 46% in low-income Sydney playgrounds. This is of particular concern as New Zealand and Australia have the highest rates of melanoma in the world. Australia's whole-of society approach to sun protection, including shade provision, is having a positive impact on their younger age group.

#### *Playgrounds in low-income areas in New Zealand have less shade*

Playgrounds from more deprived neighbourhoods were 41% less likely to have at least one source of shade than the least deprived (wealthier) neighbourhoods

#### *Most shade came from trees*

Trees accounted for 82.3% of playground shade. Purpose-built shade structures (e.g. shade sails) were rare, but more common in some TLA's such as Whangarei. Examples of good shading practices can be found on page 5.

#### *Most playgrounds have shade nearby*

77% of playgrounds had at least one source of shade within 10m of play equipment. However, this shade offers no cover for users of playground equipment and rarely covered seats/tables or areas where people gather.

#### *Few councils have sun protection policies*

Incorporating shade in long-term and district plans can help ensure that shade is considered and provided. Excluding regional councils, we were only able to identify five district councils that had sun protection policies (or equivalents) on their website (New Plymouth District Council, Napier City Council, Whangarei District Council, Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council).

### Key findings for this TLA

Out of the 66 TLA regions, this TLA was in the third quintile of playground shade (see full list on page 3).

Shade measure	New Zealand	This TLA
Playground activity areas with at least some shade cover*	16%	13%
Playgrounds with at least one source of shade within 10m of play equipment	77%	84%

\* Activity areas included main play structures, stand-alone play equipment areas, seats and tables

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**Territorial local authorities ranked by shade in playgrounds\***

Quintile	TLA region	Proportion of activity areas with at least some shade cover	Proportion of playgrounds with shade within 10m of play equipment
Top (best shading)	Waikato District	47%	86%
	Tararua District	47%	75%
	Hurunui District	45%	100%
	Whangarei District	46%	63%
	South Wairarapa District	41%	100%
	Ōpōtiki District	38%	67%
	Kaipara District	32%	75%
	Nelson City	30%	100%
	Whakatāne District	30%	100%
	Central Hawke's Bay District	30%	75%
	Gisborne District	29%	100%
	Palmerston North City	26%	88%
	Hamilton City	25%	100%
Second	Gore District	24%	100%
	Mackenzie District	23%	100%
	Horowhenua District	22%	80%
	Marlborough District	19%	100%
	Central Otago District	17%	80%
	Upper Hutt City	17%	80%
	Buller District	19%	50%
	Queenstown-Lakes District	16%	100%
	Thames-Coromandel District	16%	80%
	South Taranaki District	16%	80%
	Matamata-Piako District	17%	40%
	Southland District	15%	86%
	Waitaki District	14%	83%
Third	Western Bay Of Plenty District	15%	60%
	Waitomo District	14%	100%
	Auckland City	14%	80%
	Napier City	15%	67%
	Tauranga City	13%	83%
	Taupō District	14%	60%
	Christchurch City	13%	84%
	Masterton District	13%	75%
	Kapiti Coast District	11%	100%
	Selwyn District	12%	60%
	Dunedin City	12%	67%
	Waipa District	12%	60%
	Ruapehu District	11%	80%

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Fourth	Rotorua Lakes	13%	43%
	Kaikōura District	13%	33%
	New Plymouth District	10%	100%
	Hauraki District	11%	57%
	Wellington City	9%	84%
	Far North District	8%	83%
	Rangitikei District	8%	100%
	Whanganui District	9%	40%
	Lower Hutt City	9%	40%
	Ōtorohanga District	6%	100%
	Timaru District	7%	60%
	Kawerau District	6%	80%
	Manawatu District	7%	40%
Bottom (worst shading)	South Waikato District	5%	80%
	Invercargill City	4%	80%
	Stratford District	4%	80%
	Waimakariri District	6%	40%
	Westland District	4%	60%
	Hastings District	3%	80%
	Porirua City	4%	40%
	Tasman District	3%	60%
	Carterton District	0%	100%
	Waimate District	0%	100%
	Grey District	3%	20%
	Wairoa District	0%	67%
	Ashburton District	0%	60%
	Clutha District	0%	60%

\*TLAs were ranked using scoring system corresponding to proportion of areas covered (1% = 1 point, for a maximum of 100 points) and the proportion of playgrounds with shade within 10m of play equipment (1 point for every 20% of playgrounds with shade, for a maximum of 5 points). For example, the top scoring TLA (Waikato) had a score of 52 (47 from having shade covering 47% of its activity areas, and 5 from having shade within 10m of play equipment in at least 80% of its playgrounds).

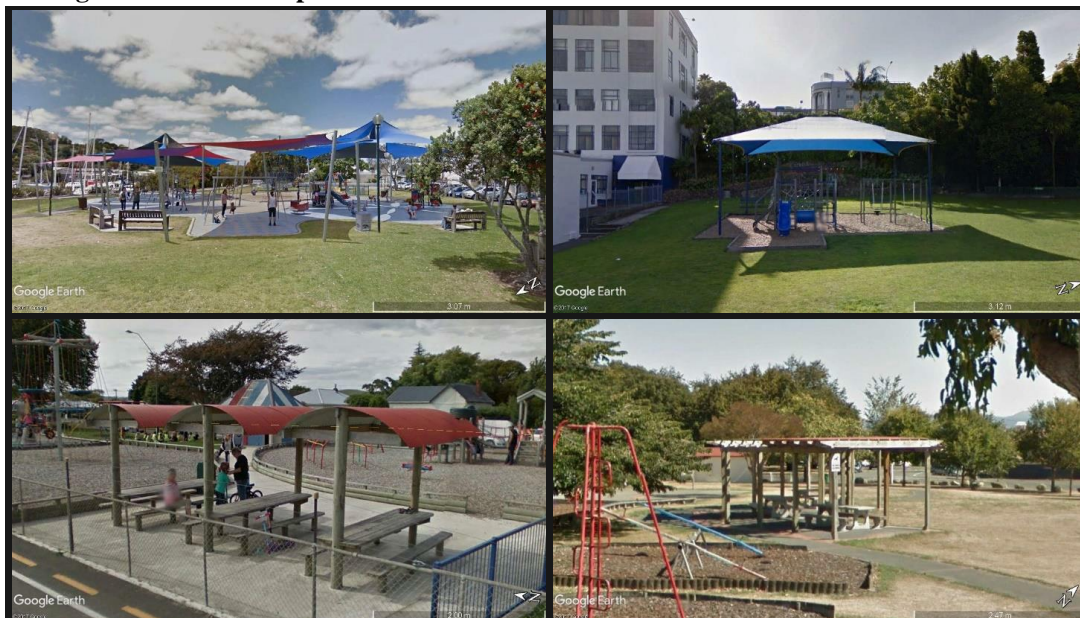
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**Figure 1: Good examples of tree shade**



Top left: Bowen St, Woodville, Tararua District (albeit a mix of children's play equipment and adult exercise equipment); Top right: Kuratawhiti St, Greytown, South Wairarapa District Council; Bottom left: Salisbury Street, Auckland City. Bottom right: Mahe Rd, Te Kauwhata, Waikato District.

**Figure 2: Good examples of built shade**



Top left: Dent St, Whangarei District; Top right: Robert St, Whangarei District; Bottom left: Lyndhurst St, Westport, Buller District; Bottom right: Cork St, Martinborough, South Wairarapa District

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**More details**

This work was completed by a team of researchers at the Health Promotion and Policy Research Unit, University of Otago, Wellington. The project was funded by Cancer Society of New Zealand, Wellington Division.

The published research is available at: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10389-018-0990-9>.

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## SunSmart Councils look after the well-being of our tamariki

New Zealanders need more shade in the places, they live, learn, work and play.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Aotearoa. Along with Australia, we have the highest melanoma rates in the world.



The cause of over 90% of skin cancers is over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Shade is a practical, long lasting form of sun protection and creates comfortable, cool spaces. **We would like shade in our...**



Play areas



Recreation areas



Public pools



Te Kāhui Matapukupuku  
o Aotearoa

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**Disabled Persons** Assembly nz



March 2022

To: Christchurch City Council on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management  
Plan

**Disabled Persons Assembly NZ**

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## Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

The Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a pan-disability disabled person's organisation that works to realise an equitable society, where all disabled people (of all impairment types and including women, Māori, Pasifika, young people) are able to direct their own lives. DPA works to improve social indicators for disabled people and for disabled people to be recognised as valued members of society. DPA and its members work with the wider disability community, other DPOs, government agencies, service providers, international disability organisations, and the public by:



telling our stories and identifying systemic barriers

developing and advocating for solutions

celebrating innovation and good practice

## The submission

DPA welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan. Outdoor recreation and sports bring communities closer together, enhancing the health and wellbeing of people and as stated this reserve is getting more popular with water sports, user groups and the public. That is why we would like to ensure that everyone can enjoy this reserve in an inclusive way.

### **The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)**

The UNCRPD Articles most relevant to our submission are:

- Article 4.3 Involving disabled people and our organisations in decisions that affect us
- Article 5: Equality and non-discrimination
- Article 7: Children with disabilities
- Article 9: Accessibility
- Article 19: Living independently and being included in the community
- Article 20: Personal mobility
- Article 30: Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure, and sport

The New Zealand Government policies and strategies which are relevant to this submission are as follows:

New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016-2026:

- Outcome 5 - Accessibility

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## DPA's recommendations

**Recommendation 1:** DPA recommends that the new entrance ways be accessible for all people and types of vehicles including mobility vans for wheelchair users, amongst others.

**Recommendation 2:** DPA recommends that both the pedestrian access and walking tracks on the lakes circuit walk provide for universal accessibility as this will enable wheelchair users and people who use mobility aids such as walking frames or crutches the ability to access both the reserve and walks. The pedestrian access and walking tracks should also incorporate tactile strips to ensure that blind and low vision people can successfully navigate around the walkway system

**Recommendation 3:** DPA recommends that seating be placed at strategic points along the walking tracks and by the lake of varying heights (either higher or lower) and should include armrests so that people with mobility impairments, children and older people can easily get in or out of the seats. This will enable parents/whanau to be included in their children's aquatic sports.

**Recommendation 4:** DPA recommends that picnic areas include wheelchair friendly picnic tables and other accessible outdoor furniture, such as barbeques, which will ensure that everyone is able to access these facilities.

**Recommendation 5:** DPA recommends mobility carparks are put in place across all the areas where car parks are proposed.

**Recommendation 6:** DPA recommends that accessible toilets with changing spaces and wet floor showers be made available so that disabled people can have access to them. These should be based in the shared sports facility and in strategic locations around the reserve.

**Recommendation 7:** DPA recommends that the shared use sports facility is accessible for all and is built according to universal design standards. This will ensure that everyone can be included in all activities which may be held in the sports facility, and this includes either as spectators or participants in sporting events, or other activities.

**Recommendation 8:** DPA recommends that if signage needs upgrading around the reserve that changes be made to ensure that the size of traditional signage be adjusted so that print, height and colour contrast are fully considered, especially for blind and low vision users. We would like to encourage the development of signage in accessible formats as well (i.e., in New Zealand Sign Language, Easy Read, Te Reo and ethnic languages) which can be done via the use of electronic apps where people can access this information via a QR code.

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**Recommendation 9:** DPA recommends the placement of appropriate safety barriers on the jetty to reduce the risk of people accidentally falling into the water with appropriate safety signage also added.

**Recommendation 10:** DPA recommends that the use of e-scooters, bicycles, skateboards and roller skates be prohibited on the various pathways and around the park in order to prevent accidents from happening. If people need to come on their bicycles, e-scooters or other non-essential mobility devices, there should be suitable storage space provided either at or near the shared space facility.

**Recommendation 11:** DPA recommends that, in line with Article 4.3 of the UNCRPD [see above], that the CCC involve disabled people and our organisations, which include DPA Christchurch, in a co-design process around the development of this site.

## Conclusion

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DPA Christchurch would like to be involved in further discussions around the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan. We believe that everything should be done to ensure accessibility for everyone, including the disabled communities of Ōtautahi and Aotearoa, who will visit and enjoy this reserve and sports facility. Both our Christchurch Kaititui and Regional Policy Advisor are available to be reached out to on this [please see front cover for their contact details].

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### ***Roto Kohatu Management Plan and Development Plan***

A bit about KORE from our vision document.

Hutia te rito Hutia te rito o te harakeke Kei hea te kōmako e kō? Kī mai ki ahau He aha te mea nui? He aha te mea nui o te ao? Māku e kī atu He tangata! He tangata! He tangata, hī!	Pull out the shoot, Pull out the shoot of the flax bush Where will the bellbird sing? Say to me What is the greatest thing? What is the greatest thing in this world? I will say The people! The people! The people
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#### **Who is KORE?**

KORE is a quality provider of outdoor and water based activities for schools, groups and the public.

#### **KORE Values and Beliefs**

KORE values the people who bring groups, the people who participate in our activities and the people who deliver and manage our activities.

KORE values the stakeholders we interact with in the spaces we operate in.

#### **What does KORE do?**

KORE provides opportunity by providing programmes that develop resilience and confidence through active learning and practice in our natural environment and activities that engender active wellbeing.

#### **This submission is for KORE**

**Currently a limited Company, Owned by Simon and Alison Rutherford. We are however working on transitioning to a Trust.**

**We are providers of sailing activities to The Canterbury Community Sailing Trust.**

We appreciated our meeting in advance of this Management Plan process, but wish to further confirm our thoughts about how we believe the Roto Kohatu environment can be or needs to be improved.

It is very much appreciated that there has been early consultation for this management plan.

The recent construction of toilets and developed car parking has been a fantastic improvement for the reserve. Having plumbed in and connected toilets is a massive

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improvement for the school groups that we have come to the reserve. Thank you to Robbie Hewson for seeing this through. Since his taking over the leadership role we have seen positive and rapid progress and a transition to a much more mature reserve. He has a fantastic team he is leading.

Up to this season we were getting close to 5,000 student participants for our activities at Roto Kohatu, The Groynes and at the Puharakekenui - Styx River.  
Post Covid we do expect to get back to that level of service.

The driveway from the swale and parking is a vast improvement, as is the pedestrian gate through to the swale and Outlook Place. We are encouraging buses to come to Outlook Place to drop off students coming to us. The bus companies and drivers tell us they appreciate not having to negotiate the reserve driveway.

Plans to close the road over the mound are very good as

- The main driveway is going to be an ongoing maintenance issue. We agree that an entrance into the reserve from Outlook Place is ideal and the driveway over the landfill could then be closed.
- It is going to be important that the access to the lake for vehicles with trailers is easy - we have a 8m long trailer that we need to bring into the lake area several times during the season (Terms 4 and 1). The Dragon Boat groups have a longer one. Access from Greywacke Rd will help with these trailer moves.
- The proposed removal of the fence from the car park past the container area and on to where the underpass will be provide the room for a proposed building.
- Gazebo structures. Two to five structures with roofs for shade and shelter, around the beach area at the north end of the lake but leaving a clear area for the sailing Dragon boat activity. Say five to ten metres from the beach areas
  - These facilities should be about 4-5 metres in diameter with open sides - suitable for wrapping with sides for changing rooms - for use by our school groups. Bench seats around the sides.
- School group beach and sailing areas.
  - To get started in sailing you first learn to get the boat moving and sail it straight. This is best done at right angles to the wind as it is easiest to get the boat going and safest for new sailors.
  - This means that we need a variety of "beach locations" and sailing areas to achieve that.
  - We therefore propose;
  - The North end of Lake Rua from about the post near the underpass to the "point" near the sign on the Eastern side of the lake be remade.
  - Our suggestion is an engineered beach sweeping between these two points, with excavation several metres into the lake and for at least 5 or 6 metres into the land area.
  - This will remove all the construction detritus and all vegetation.

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- Replace all with an engineered pebble beach with a smooth gradient designed to eliminate erosion.

We suggest **low level** planting selected to discourage high flying birds. Anything over 2 to 3 metres high will create wind shadow that will impact on the sailing. The swamp cyprus were a complete failure in the intended effect and they have only grown since the earthquakes. Tussock and perhaps harakeke or similar height plantings at least 15 to 20 metres from the waters edge.

The area under the trees on the western side now has rough concrete exposed at the water's edge that may need dealing with soon. We would like 2 to 3 metres of clear ground around the trees that remain here. The alder trees are very quick growing over the summer break now roots are established - they seem to have established since the earthquakes as well.

#### **Interaction with other users and water quality.**

Lake Rua in Roto Kohatu Reserve is the best venue for a school group introduction to sailing - probably anywhere in the world - the school day is in effect a physics, water safety and "how to learn" trip rather than a sport activity and the value is shown by the number of schools that come back with each cohort, year after year. KORE works with well over 100 schools over a ten year period, about 50 per "normal season, many of whom come every year or other year.

Our biggest issue is perhaps around demarcation between activities. We have worked hard to be a good stakeholder with Council, Rangers, other reserve user stakeholders and the public.

With the public finding Roto Kohatu there was a massive increase in people using Lake Rua. The public casual swimming and playing made us consider risk management processes and were led to decide to cease weekend and after school sessions for the summer period which has restricted our ability to run Learn To Sail courses at Rua, which is our preferred venue.

This is only really on hot days! We cannot of course plan for that.

For sailing we would like to suggest being able to put out demarcation lines of buoys to mark where we will be operating.

Habitat areas.

These are great. We saw a Crested Grebe in our area last week. We have been encouraging our coaches to avoid the SE corner already.

Proposed Building. This is fantastic.

We fully support this inclusion in the Development Plan and will actively support this project.

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Trees and Shrubs.

There is a down wind effect from trees and shrubs (obstacles) for 10 to 15 times their height. A 7 metre tree at the northern lake edge affects sailing for a third of the lake. The current swamp cypress are doing this very well at the moment.

We ask for and encourage bird disrupting planting (grasses they do not like) close to the lake and graduated heights of bushes and trees as you get further from the lake edge.

This is only in the northeastern area of Management area A.

We fully support Endemic planting as a priority and indigenous planting. Particularly for grasses.

Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to making a verbal submission in due course.

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24 March 2022

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**Submission on Roto Kohatu Draft Management Plan**

This feedback is provided on behalf of the North Canterbury Fish and Game Council (Fish and Game).  
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*General*

- [1] Fish and Game is the statutory manager of sports fish and game bird resources within North Canterbury. It holds functions and responsibilities set out in the Conservation Act (1987). Part of the organisation's function is to represent the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process and to advocate the interests of the Council, including its interests in habitats. This submission is provided in accordance with this function.
- [2] As required by the Conservation Act (1987), Fish and Game has prepared a sports Fish and Game Bird Management Plan for North Canterbury (SFGMP), which has guided the development of this submission. This document describes the sports fish and game bird resources in the region and outlines issues, objectives and policies for management over the period. The document may be useful for decision maker to have regard to when considering this application.
- [3] Fish and Game submits in respect to sections 2.1 (Recreational) and 2.6 (Biodiversity & Ecology) of the Draft Management Plan, and requests consideration for the following:

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*Recreational*

- [4] In regard to section 2.1.1 Policy 10, as Fish and Game are the statutory manager of sports fish, any consultations being made regarding fishing or fishing structures within Roto Kohatu therefore must be made directly to Fish and Game. Fish and Game will then consult with the relevant fishing clubs and interested parties.
- [5] Fish and Game considers that the removal of too many fishing structures may reduce the opportunities for many members of the public who otherwise find access to fishing areas difficult.
- Current fishing structures provide one of a few areas near the city where disabled anglers have access to fishing, and removal of further structures will only reduce their opportunities.
  - Lifestyle changes and urbanisation mean that fewer children are being exposed to recreational angling opportunities. Children and beginners need active assistance to become involved, as without it their fishing excursions are less likely to be successful. Local fishing resources such as Roto Kohatu are crucial in helping to develop fishing skills.
  - The North Canterbury region records high levels of angler effort, with North Canterbury region as a whole attracting 170,000+ angler days. The Waimakariri River, one of the most convenient fisheries to the city, attracts 50,000+ of these angler days over a season. The increased aging of this large North Canterbury fishing population may result in an increased demand in the future for convenient access to fishing spots including Roto Kohatu.
- [6] In regard to section 2.1.2 Policy 1, Fishing was not considered as an activity in Lake Tahi although there are fish present. With consideration to the main users of Lake Tahi, fishing needs to be recognised as a primary activity in this for this site.

*Biodiversity and Ecology*

- [7] No mention is made to the value of the freshwater resource in the context of Biodiversity and Ecology, therefore Fish and Game requests the recognition of the freshwater ecosystem as a whole in this section. Roto Kohatu is an important resource and habitat for freshwater species which in turn contribute to the recreational and ecological value of the park.

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Submission #45496



Canterbury Jets Sports Club would like to make the below submission predominantly in relation to the nesting Grebes around our leased facility at Lake Tahī.

As you are aware our club and it's 200 members have been custodians of Lake Tahī and co-existing with the wildlife for a long time as we have been using the lake now for 30 odd years and it was our club members that were tasked with the planting of the trees around the lake as part of our consent requirements, many of these original members are still part of the club.

CJSC committee have been informed that numbers of wildlife are growing, the birds are flourishing all while being born in an environment where the noise and skis going around the lake is part of their life and they effectively know nothing else. This is a constant talking point with club members how impressive the Grebes especially are. Also to note the park rangers have commented to us that they have sat and watched Jet skis racing and birds diving, also mentioning how amazing it was that the birds appear totally unaffected or injured.

We have always respected that they are part of our environment and the membership is made up mostly of respectable family community members who all appreciate the wonderful facility we have use of including the wildlife around it.

We often comment on the fact that the Grebes never appear stressed whatsoever by the skis and they merrily spend most of the time paddling around the middle of the lake ignoring the motorised activity around them, they regularly swim into the middle of the lake when the skis circulate and seem to play only in the race course that the skis are going around rather than move out of the way or hide and thus would only do this if they enjoy our existing environment. They are incredibly agile and if a ski maneuvers near them they quickly dive under and pop up often 20 plus meters away sometimes 20 seconds later and carry on nonchalantly unaffected, this behaviour will go on all day. They are obviously superb underwater swimmers. If a demonstration of this behaviour is required our CJSC members are happy to demonstrate to all associated parties.

In all this time we haven't had word of a Grebe being stuck or injured.

Our club members don't walk the lake edge on foot where the birds nest as we have no need to and in fact the only people who do are members of the public often walking their dogs which may be the biggest risk to the Grebes nesting areas.

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We note the proposed plan to put barriers down the south and western sides of the lake to protect nesting areas.

This will cause some very significant issues to our users of the lake.

The lake is already only just large enough for us to manage a safe facility. Modern jet skis are large fast craft and the sport can be dangerous if not managed properly and professionally. We have a course set out of buoys which must be followed to ensure the safest possible use of the facility. On the western side we have two corresponding courses which split the skis up for both recreational and racing use. Due to the width east to west and the position of the Island there are no other alternatives for the course. The barriers being put forward on that south western side and the subsequent narrowing of the course will seriously compromise the safety of the facility as skis will be far too close together on the two courses and increase the chances of a serious accident significantly. It in fact will pretty much make the lake impossible for us to use practically of safely.

The only area that such barriers could be used without major affect is the south edge where they could come out maybe 10 meters or so. We do seriously question the need for them however as it is very obvious that the Grebes are both nesting and co-existing with us happily currently and spend most of their time in the middle of the lake anyway.

If this facility becomes unsafe and unfit for purpose and if Jet skiers start using it less there will be two main issues. Firstly there is a great chance that club members will start going back out to the likes of Brooklands and Sumner lagoons also Lyttleton where the environmental and public impact would be far greater than any very minor risk to the Grebes and other wild life. Secondly our safety training programs and PWC education with our club members will no longer be possible. This is the exact reason the City Council and the club negotiated the use of the facility nearly 30 years ago when there were major issues with Jet skiers in these other areas.

We are very happy to continue to work with any party to ensure that our happy association with the Grebes can continue. The CJSC would like to keep the status quo of the current regulations and restrictions, based on our knowledge and interaction with the wild life over the past 30 years and its success.

Thanks in advance for evaluating this submission and please contact us if you have questions or points of interest that need more explanation.

Kind Regards

Executive Committee

Canterbury Jet Sports Club

# **Submissions on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan**

**Item 5**

**Attachment C**

## **Not to Be Heard Submissions**

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44890	<p>Aoraki Dragons appreciates the lengths CCC have gone to, to "accommodate" our work in providing Dragon Boat training and racing to our rohe. In return we are committed to sharing the spaces with other groups and the public.</p> <p>As per our comment in the Development Plan, we see that we will use Lake Rua as a key site for our teams training, and also for many of our events.</p> <p>We have grown a "Secondary Schools Program" that runs from the start of the school year and gives about 15 teams from 8 or more schools training sessions. This lake is key to that program as it is safe, clean and accessible to the schools (especially for the likes of Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Oxford Area School, Christchurch Adventist, Papanui HS, Rangi Ruru and Villa Maria. Aoraki are running some Corporate "Give it a Go" days over the season as well, sometimes on a week day so that we make good use of the facility.</p> <p>Dragon Boating is particularly strong in North Canterbury (many of our permanent teams are in the North West city or neighbouring towns), but Lake Pegasus is closed (toxic algal bloom) for most of summer, so training and events are generally moved at short notice. Likewise Kaiapoi River is at risk of contaminations such as the oil runoff from the tragic fire at Sutton Tools factory last week. Some teams train in the Avon, but on a good day that is a health hazard, and after rainfall and flooding, we warn paddlers off the river. So Lake Rua is strategically key to us, and we see our use growing, Council willing.</p> <p>As such we accept our responsibility in the role of managing the area. For example, if a building were available, we would see us sharing in running costs for power and security. And Aoraki have been proactive in setting up booking systems for events on the lake.</p>	<p>As above, Aoraki Dragons have been able to grow the sport of Dragon Boating in Christchurch with the help of City Council and the Rangers. We particularly value their support in our use of "Management Area A" being Lake Rua and it's surrounds.</p> <p>Specifically in this plan, we appreciate the proposals to:</p> <p>provide a new vehicle entrance into the reserve off Outlook Place. Many of our paddlers already park on Outlook Place and walk in, which helps preserve the metal track (which, as you know, gets very rutted). The direct access to Lake Rua is a key enabler for us providing this sporting opportunity. Thanks for looking into additional sites for overflow car parking for events this can be a challenge on days that the public use the beach and foreshore while we have boats on the water.</p> <p>Remediate the northern edge of Lake Rua to remove rubble, create a beach to improve access. Our boats get badly damaged when we launch and retrieve them. Paddlers are at high risk of slips, trips and falls, especially after a hard training session or race.</p> <p>Unlike my friend Simon Rutherford from the Sailing School, Dragon Boaters prefer to have the tree plantings, to cut down the wind. But we understand sailors' needs for good steady wind on the lake. So we are agnostic to tree plantings and so on. Regarding the sanctuary area for nesting birds in the SE corner, we do try to keep clear. But on Racing days, we set up our start line in that corner. It looks like you are extending item 13 Sanctuary and changing items 11 fishing locations. We rely on them as a place for our race starter. I wonder if you might consider providing us a literal "platform"? For example, can item 9 "New Diving platform" be installed about half way along the causeway? You also mention jetty, which would be really helpful (to allow our 15m long boats to back up to the causeway). Our starter could stand on there, and we could tie the start line rope off it. Otherwise, we could use one of the reinstated Fishing Platforms along the causeway.</p> <p>Of course we love the proposal for a "shared-use sports facility building and / or other structure with an adjoining carpark is proposed at the northern end of Lake Rua to facilitate aquatic recreation activities". The container has served us well, but it would be great to have a building that would give better protection, particularly if it had mains power (we would be happy to cover metered consumption).</p>	No	Noel Anderton - Aoraki Dragon Boat Association Inc

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44804	<p>Christchurch Model Yacht Club (1898) Incorporated (CMYC) has an interest in continuing to have access to Lake Rua for the purpose of model yacht racing.</p> <p>This is in Management Area A. Model yacht racing is an appropriate activity in areas designated as Recreation Reserve. CMYC is a regular (but not frequent) user of Lake Rua, mainly during weekends in winter months. CMYC currently stores necessary equipment such as rescue dinghy and marker buoys in a container close to the edge of the lake. CMYC previously had a fixed building at The Groynes. Excessive weed and other activities at The Groynes resulted in CCC facilitating our relocation to Lake Rua, chiefly by supplying and locating a shipping container. CMYC wishes to continue free and unhindered access to Lake Rua for scheduled yacht racing events. CMYC would consider an agreement which gives us rights to continue our access and use of Lake Rua. CMYC seeks an agreement which delivers at least the equivalent of our current arrangement, primarily consisting of storage facilities and a right</p>	<p>CMYC notes that “the vision for Rota Kohatu is for the reserve to be “developed and managed as an aquatic playground for a wide range of organised and informal water- based recreation and sport activities while supporting the biodiversity and amenity values of the area.””</p> <p>Model Yacht Racing contributes to this vision by extending beyond the traditional uses of such public facilities and water sports, both in activity and time of year. Model yacht racing has a low environmental impact with regard to pollution, noise and water wake. CMYC strictly applies the MPI ‘Check/clean/dry’ protocols when moving between waterways. Model Yacht Racing participants are often elderly, and the sport gives them an opportunity to meet and compete that is not available from many other water sports. Accommodating model yacht racing enhances the diversity of the participating public. Management Area A is well suited to model yacht racing due to it’s easy access by car and foot, freedom from weed, and relatively minimal effects by wind-breaking trees. Appropriate beach access/slipway to allow easy and safe model yacht launching should be included in the developed shore access plan. CMYC looks forward to continued free enjoyment of Lake Rua under the proposed Management Plan.</p>	No	Al Ross - Christchurch Model Yacht Club 1898 Inc

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	<p>to sail at agreed times.</p> <p>CMYC notes that our use is infrequent, and during times of infrequent use by the public. Our activity presents close to zero risk to public activities such as swimming and boating, although these activities in fact can present a risk to our boats. For this reason we choose to organise events at times when there is little or no public activity, such as winter weekends.</p> <p>CMYC currently has control of a shipping container (a removable structure) and requests continued access to the container, at its current location, unless alternative storage becomes available, on site.</p> <p>We note that the Management Plan proposes to establish a multi-use facility. If CCC requires the removal of the CMYC container, secure, accessible storage in the multi-use facility needs to be provided on the same basis as the container (i.e. free of charge). Accommodation for the inflatable dinghy, buoys and weights, etc is required.</p> <p>This would honour the spirit of our current arrangement where we have relocated from the permanent building at The Groynes with agreement and assistance from CCC.</p>			

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45187	<p>The Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan</p> <p>To whom it may concern, The Outdoor Swimmers Club (OSC) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission regarding the draft Roto Kōhatu Reserve Management Plan which is currently being developed by Christchurch City Council (CCC). The OSC agree with the statement in the management plan that the Roto Kōhatu Reserve is one of region's top fresh water sites, popular with water sports user groups and the public. The OSC strongly supports the need for the development of the reserve management plan and believe that if the process is well handled, the plan will provide a valuable preparatory framework for the long-term future of the reserve, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establishing a coordinated and inclusive approach to the management of all current activities in the reserve, including water-based activities (such as outdoor swimming) in Lake Tahi and Lake Rua</li> <li>• enabling a coordinated and planned approach to the improvements being undertaken on the reserve, such as the new toilet facilities, car park, improved access to the reserve as well as carefully managed and co-ordinated event planning</li> <li>• providing a mechanism for the CCC to work collaboratively and on an ongoing basis with the OSC and other Roto Kōhatu Reserve user groups to ensure issues and concerns are considered and understood</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above points, the OSC have also highlighted below, specific issues that need to be considered as part of the management plan.</p> <p>Water Quality</p>	<p>The Roto Kohatu Reserve Development Plan</p> <p>To whom it may concern, The Outdoor Swimmers Club (OSC) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission regarding the draft Roto Kōhatu Reserve Development Plan which is currently being developed by Christchurch City Council (CCC). The OSC specifies the following as priorities for the development plan:</p> <p>Water Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Remediation works are proposed at the northern edge of Lake Rua to remove rubble, create a beach to improve access and construct a jetty and / or diving pontoon'. We would respectfully suggest that remediation works should be prioritised over construction of new jetties / platforms.</li> </ul> <p>Maintenance and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'A new vehicle and pedestrian entrance into the reserve off Outlook Place is proposed to provide more direct access to Lake Rua. The current entrance off Sawyers Arms Road is to be stopped at the car park. The driveway over the landfill hill will be closed for public access.' This is a high priority. The condition of the current road access has deteriorated significantly in recent months with excessive use, regular misuse and a lack of upkeep. As pointed out by council staff, the current road is abused by some users and costly remediation is quickly ruined. A new, shorter access route would alleviate some misuse and provide much safer access for reserve users.</li> <li>• Rubbish: As regular responsible users of the reserve, members of the OSC have been frustrated and annoyed with the considerable amount of rubbish that is regularly left around the shores of the lakes, in the car parks and in the water. The CCC's current policy of expecting / encouraging reserve users to take their litter away with them may be practised by some but a significant number of people leave a substantial amount of litter at the reserve. Installing and regularly emptying rubbish bins may not be current CCC policy but in the case of Roto Kōhatu Reserve it is absolutely necessary to protect</li> </ul>	No	David Brown - Christchurch Outdoor Swimming Club

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The OSC support the comments made during earlier engagement by CCC, regarding the need to protect the environment, especially water quality.</li><li>• Specific issues for OSC include the need to preserve and enhance the water quality in both Lake Tahi and Lake Rua to a standard that it can continue to be used in the longterm for swimming.</li><li>• The management plan should also be used to understand and establish the levels of use Lake Tahi and Lake Rua can support in the long-term and how these uses will be managed to ensure water quality is maintained (and improved).</li></ul> <p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An important area of concern for the OSC relates to safety.</li><li>• The OSC considers that the management plan is an important tool with which the CCC can work with all lake users to ensure relevant Health and Safety issues are understood and correct procedures are followed and clearly communicated.</li><li>• There is specific concern that as the reserve, including Lake Tahi and Lake Rua, becomes increasingly popular, particularly during high season, the conflict between users and their specific needs with increase. The management plan must clearly articulate how those conflicts and competing demands will be managed in the long term.</li><li>• The OSC would also like to understand the extent to which the management plan is to be used to manage/control the uses/activities on Lake Tahi and Lake Rua, given we understand that the lakes are currently managed by a Harbour Master on behalf of Environment Canterbury.</li></ul> <p>Maintenance and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current access to Lake Rua via the long, unsealed gravel driveway from Sawyer's Arms Road, extending across the site is proving increasingly hazardous as the road's condition deteriorates with excessive use, regular misuse and a lack of upkeep. Better access via a new road from Greywacke Road and / or Outlook Place should be a priority.</li></ul>	<p>water quality as a great deal of the litter ends up in the lake.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintaining toilet facilities: Over the summer period, due to the high demand and use, it may be necessary to increase the number of times toilet blocks are serviced and cleaned. OSC members reported on numerous occasions that facilities were unclean and appeared to be not to be regularly serviced. It has been noted that the lights in the toilet blocks are left on permanently (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This doesn't fit well with energy efficiency requirements. It also attracts insects to inhabit the toilets blocks. It is suggested motion lights be installed.</li><li>• 'A shared-use sports facility building and / or other structure with an adjoining carpark is proposed at the northern end of Lake Rua to facilitate aquatic recreation activities': We appreciate that this is an aspirational goal however, as the controlling body for the reserve, we would recommend and support this idea and look forward to being part of discussions aimed at bringing this goal to fruition.</li></ul> <p>Anti-social Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security cameras /surveillance: The installation and 24 hour monitoring of a CCTV system for the key areas is fundamental to the future operation and success of the reserve and the activities that take place there. The increased misuse and anti-social behaviour that has occurred regularly over the past summers have meant that many members of the general public and those holding organised activities have experienced issues. This situation is likely to become more pronounced as the reserve becomes better known and more popular. Along with monitored surveillance, some form of responsive manned security needs to be in place over the height of summer. While this would be a cost to CCC, the savings from alleviating acts of vandalism and reacting quickly to other forms of anti-social behaviour would offset the cost of repairs and consolidate the level of good will with the general public and regular reserve users.</li><li>• During recent discussion, it was confirmed that CCC do not appear to have a close liaison with the NZ Police and therefore only limited knowledge of the level or frequency of anti-social behaviour that occurs, especially during the summer months, at the reserve. It is strongly suggested that establishing closer links, sharing information and actively working together to reduce the incidents of anti-social behaviour at the reserve be a priority.</li></ul> <p>Development of a Roto Kohatu Reserve Master Plan</p> <p>The OSC recommends that a masterplan be developed as part of the management and development plan process to consider future development of the reserve and</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the context of the conflicting uses and increased demand, the OSC would also like the management plan to clearly indicate how the use of Lake Rua would be better coordinated and communicated with a view to assuring long-term guaranteed access for clubs and user groups and to ensure fair and equitable use for all users.</li><li>• The OSC would also like to see the management plan used to clearly establish appropriate management and maintenance regimes for the new facilities associated with the reserve eg. cleaning of the toilets and litter collection. There are recent and regular examples where these facilities have not been maintained to appropriate standards.</li></ul> Anti-social Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The OSC strongly support the comments made during earlier engagement by CCC regarding the need to protect and manage access to the reserve.</li><li>• The OSC strongly support the notion of the need to dissuade and manage anti-social behaviour that occurs on the reserve.</li><li>• Of particular concern are the regular incidences involving alcohol consumption around water and vehicle nuisance on access ways, parking areas and green spaces. These forms of behaviour appear to have increased following the installation of the new car and other facilities. The OSC would like to understand to what extent the management plan would be able to ensure enforcement of a liquor ban and other bylaws available to the CCC to manage such anti-social behaviour.</li><li>• In addition, we endorse all measures that would be taken for addressing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). We support the idea of carrying out an audit to understand the issues pertaining to the site and to inform the management plan development and other reserve related planning and design processes, such as the masterplan suggested below.</li></ul>	<p>provide the CCC and all users with a coordinated view of all projects connected with the reserve.</p> <p>Establishment of Roto Kohatu Reserve Users Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The OSC have initiated discussions with other key user groups of the reserve and will continue to progress the establishment of this forum over the next few months. Representation from the CCC at a user's forum would be mutually beneficial for staff involved with the operation of the reserve as well as user groups.</li></ul>		

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	<p>Development of a Roto Kohatu Reserve Master Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We recommend that a masterplan be developed as part of the management plan process to consider future development of the reserve and provide the CCC and all users with a coordinated view of all projects, including new facilities. The masterplan will be a useful tool for the CCC to communicate the long-term vision for the reserve and its long- term management, development and use.</li></ul> <p>Reserve Classification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As part of the current engagement process, we understand that the CCC</li></ul> <p>is considering changing the status of the Roto Kōhatu Reserve, which is currently classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. The OSC is keen to understand the reasons behind this reclassification and how this may affect the user groups and the management plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We suggest that a meeting is held between the CCC, the OSC and other interested parties to further understand the intention and implications of this reclassification.</li></ul>			

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45426 45111 re-sent as one submission	<p>Kia ora koutou, I'm Jade Johnson, chair of the Mainland Canoe Polo Association (MCPA). MCPA has been present at the Roto Kohatu reserve since 2003, having been a major part of the sport Canoe Polo in the South Island since then. Hosting international tournaments (Oceania Championships 2013) and various grades of the yearly National League, Roto Kohatu is much more than just a local destination for our sport. In saying that, the local appetite for Canoe Polo continues to grow, during the height of the season being used 6 to 7 days a week for training and competitions for our local, national league players and international athletes. MANAGEMENT PLAN: 2.4 Access, circulation and parking: Objective 2 CONDITIONAL SUPPORT Consideration to be given to parking for large events Policy 1 and 3 VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT No traffic past the canoe polo area will greatly enhance safety 2.5 Buildings and structures: Policy 6 and 7 CONDITIONAL SUPPORT We support the use of removable structures on an ongoing basis. This facilitates modifications in the event of future growth, relocation in the event of future alterations within the park, or removal if needed. The use of shipping containers for equipment storage minimises our footprint within the park while maximising security. Absolutely happy to work with CCC to ensure any shipping containers will have the appropriate character and design for the surrounding reserve.</p>	<p>DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Reserve entrance and entrance gate 15, 21 STRONGLY SUPPORT Traffic currently presents a significant hazard on busy days. With the need to cross the road to access equipment storage, removing the majority of vehicles from the road would make it much safer. Planting 3, 22 STRONGLY SUPPORT Mature trees act as a windbreak which leads to significant improvement to gameplay in windy conditions. Underpass and vehicle bay 25 CONDITIONAL SUPPORT It's likely with the continuing growth of the sport, the need for overflow parking during events will increase, so I suggest keeping the carpark at the top of the landfilled hill. Car parks and Storage facility Lake Tahi 5, 14 16, 18 STRONGLY SUPPORT Currently there are two containers of storage space needed for the gear MCPA owns and is used by a large number of groups throughout the year. With plans to increase the amount of equipment we own and with the court capacity soon to double, storage space is fast becoming an issue. There will also be a need for increased parking, particularly if we host larger regional/national/international events. Canoe Polo extension 17 VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT Player numbers are increasing locally and we are reaching the capacity of the two current courts. It's impossible to host international and the larger national events with just two courts. This is without any promotion of the sport to schools/School Sport Canterbury/Primary School Sport Canterbury. With this being the only permanent venue for Canoe Polo in Christchurch and the best facility in the South Island, it is critical to future proof the venue for further development, including supporting facilities. Canoe Polo courts can be developed and maintained for a fraction of the cost of sports fields and can sustain much more intensive use. Consideration should also be given to the possibility of a camera tower (as some national/international events are being live-streamed) and access to power for scoreboards/lights etc. Additional reserve entrance 19,26 SUPPORT To provide easy access to the canoe polo area while still having most traffic not needing to drive into the canoe polo area. If pedestrian access is a priority, there should be thought of connecting it to the Christchurch public transport network.</p>	No	Jade Johnson - Mainland Canoe Polo Association

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		<p>Sport facility Lake Tahi 24 CONDITIONAL SUPPORT</p> <p>We would like to minimise the distance between storage and the canoe polo area, given that a lot of the people carrying equipment will be children. There are also concerns regarding a shared facility with an increasing number of primary school children.</p> <p>Given security issues for stored equipment, we suggest the continued use of shipping containers, potentially with decoration/modification to make them more attractive.</p> <p>It would also be desirable to include changing facilities, the majority of school students travel to the lake in school uniform and presently take turns changing in the new toilet block, which is a slow process. This can be an issue on particularly cold/rainy days when children need to wait to get changed out of wet clothes after playing.</p>		
45438	<p>Relocating the main entrance to number 15 would keep the canoe polo area less busy with through traffic and get the lake Rua swimmers to their location without going past the other sport lakes.</p> <p>Having two more canoe polo courts would give the sport a higher standard for when larger tournaments are played.</p>	<p>Two more canoe polo courts.</p> <p>Main entrance moved to number 15</p>	No	fran johnson

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45433	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Looks good!</li><li>• I support to building of facilities to better support regular users e.g. dragon boating, canoe polo, etc.</li><li>• I support the relocation of the main entrance to off Greywacke Rd/Outlook Place, and the closure of the existing “driveway” to motorised vehicles (will there be signage banning motorbikes?)</li><li>• Under 2.4, policy 6, please ensure the signage on these shared paths is clear, and the paths are wide enough to enable cyclists to pass pedestrians (with dogs)</li><li>• I support the biodiversity plan and hope to see greater respect from reserve users</li><li>• Please provide bike stands for people who arrive by bicycle and wish to lock their bike while they swim/fish in Lake Rua or otherwise enjoy the reserve</li><li>• Please consider whether a small pump track could be incorporated as an additional activity in the reserve</li><li>• Please ensure there is good clear signage (or rock cairns perhaps, in the case of the landfill site) for those entering the reserve from Sawyers Arms Road and wanting to connect to the ōtukaikino track through to the groynes and beyond. Can the “driveway” around the NW edge be used by cyclists, or is this for jetboaters only?</li><li>• An additional toilet at the Sawyers Arms Rd entrance would be helpful</li><li>• I support the informal access “road” over the underpass being closed.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I mostly agree with the priority of development. Here’s my high priority list: o Reserve entrance and entrance gate</li><li>o Wildlife development</li><li>o Planting</li><li>o Walking tracks</li><li>o Swimming development and boat launch</li><li>o Lizard habitat</li><li>• My medium priority list: o Reserve furniture</li><li>o Sport storage facility – Lake Rua</li><li>o Sport facility – Lake Tahī</li><li>o Canoe polo extension</li><li>o Additional reserve entrance</li><li>o Car parks and Storage facility – Lake Tahī</li><li>• My low priority list: o Underpass and vehicle bay</li><li>o Diving platform and/or Jetty or pontoon</li><li>o Fishing</li><li>o Recreation facility – radio control car track</li></ul> Out of scope but please pass on to the appropriate people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please extend the shared path on Broughs Road down Sawyers Arms Road until it</li></ul>	No	Fiona Bennetts

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		reaches the footpath outside #411 Sawyers Arms Rd to enable people to safely cycle or walk out to the reserve instead of feeling like they have to drive. Increasing access in this way also helps reduce carbon emissions from unnecessary vehicular traffic • Please include a crossing from the shared path on Broughs Road across to the reserve		

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45432		<p>I am a very regular user of the Reserve (at least 3 x weekly throughout the year) primarily as an area to exercise my dogs.</p> <p>I am supportive of the alternative main entrance as I have had ongoing concerns about the way some vehicle users have driven their vehicles on the gravel road (fast and without traction!) and the damage that continuously causes to the road. It is a very uncomfortable drive along the road at times.</p> <p>I am supportive of the improvements to the foreshore so swimmers can more easily enter the lake. A beach sounds amazing.</p> <p>I would hope that serviced rubbish bins will be an addition. The single skip on site at present appears not to be used by public accessing Lake Rua from the other side.</p> <p>I support diving platforms and pontoons to encourage specific areas for jumping and diving. Currently the northwest side of Lake Rua is used in a few places for ropes and jumping from trees the surrounding areas are often littered by rubbish and foliage is damaged.</p> <p>I hope that if any vendors are granted leases (ice cream, food, coffee carts etc), that they are required to use environmentally friendly packaging and are responsible for removal of any consequential litter.</p> <p>I understand that Dog bylaws prevent dogs from accessing the lakes it would be amazing if dogs were allowed to access the lake in off peak times (and away from habitat areas). I usually walk my dogs before 8am and am often one of only a handful of users at that time.</p>	No	Andrea Goodman

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45403	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the reserve plan. I regularly walk there and along Otukaikino track. Accepting it's history I very much appreciate the naturalness of the area. With increasing urbanisation there is plenty of evidence supporting the positive mental health outcomes from connectivity with nature. To that end I strongly support the policies to keep built structures to a minimum. In fact I would perhaps go one step further and encourage the use of trees as against shade structures. I assume trees around Roto Rua are an option as I did note this was not possible on the capped landfill yet. Further to that any structures, even should a diving platform be constructed should be natural leave the concrete in the streets. At the moment the simple rope and ladder on the trees get lots of use and provides a great opportunity for risk taking. In a time when funding is always constrained I support money being spent on protecting biodiversity and ensuring water quality is maintained. The opportunity to swim in a natural fresh water environment is so rare in Canterbury now! So to reiterate. Please keep it very natural.</p> <p>Not full of built structures ( including rubbish bins) and not manicured. The community will get far more benefits from a natural environment.</p>		No	Frances Sullivan
45381	<p>We play canoe polo and would like more pitches. Also the access road needs to come from the other end please</p>	<p>Canoe polo is a great sport for young people as well as mature. It's a safe water sport, encourages water safety, teamwork, fun and exercise. The swimming areas are great too so diving platforms would be great</p>	No	Catherine Ritchie

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45362	There needs to be more parking/road design that allows for easy access to all during peak summer days. In particular around lake rua as often times you can drive in but find no park and then struggle to drive back out with the large amounts of incoming traffic. Designated and marked parking should be added. Perhaps a section of water (marked with bouys) that are easier swimming/shallower for children (have seen such designs at lake hood in ashburton) A nature scape playground A changing area (even just boards to move behind when needed rather than a lockable one)		No	Ashleigh Durry
45361		Would be great to see bbqs available onsite, similar to those seen at other recreation sites in Chch.	No	Sharlene Teirney
45343	Would there be a dog fenced area?		No	Victoria Green
45328		I enjoy the quiet walk around the reserve at times. And there are times when it would be nice to sit on a bench seat along the big lake where the jet skis are used. And if a new road access is made for the lake, I hope the present one stays too. Thank you for such a lovely natural setting.	No	Diane Wilson
45315		You should make some new lakes in the red zone	No	Anna Thomson

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45278		<p>The road in needs to be sealed as too many potholes. Wider also so cars can ho both ways easily</p> <p>Permanent bbq's. Big floating playground for kids Council could arrange an icecream truck for hot days in summer More car parks More picnic tables Permanent shade eg build a few basic open bits of shelter</p>	No	Gareth Robb
45277	Management of the traffic flow in and out. Currently very congested and 1 way on the hill coming down to the lake. Definety a must to be managed. Potentially another entry and exit? Or 1 way in and another out? Health and safety of exit plans.	<p>To have easier access to the lake by having a more user friendly slant to the water. Currently the height from the grass area to the water is high and can be hard to get done the bank (especially elderly people or those with disabilities) . Have a little more area where young kids can move freely near the water edge. Picnic areas and shelters/huts like Spencer park. Kayak hire/water fun hire? Regular competitions such as a Manu annual event.</p>	No	Renee Davis

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45276	<p>Theses are artificial but highly important recreational amenities within easy access of many city people. Lake Rua offers safe swimming in water of good quality.</p> <p>I am disappointed that Lake Tahu has a long-term lease to the jet ski association, as I find this form of recreation noisy and intrusive, and incompatible with many other firms of aquatic recreation. However, jet skis do need somewhere they can go, and if access to the lake keeps them away from more ecologically sensitive areas like Brooklands Lagoon, Avon Estuary etc. then I guess it's the lesser of two evils. Given summertime pressure on Lake Rua, access to Lake Tahu would have been great also.</p> <p>Maintaining suitable water quality in both lakes is of great importance, especially given outbreaks of blue-green algae in nearby lakes of Styx Mill reserve. I recall the old Christchurch tip was in the vicinity of Roto Kahu reserve, but fortunately this should be "downstream" of water flow in the aquifer. The lakes have no surface flow, so increased flushing to dilute nutrients is not possible. Given the increased public use of the lakes over recent summers, and Canterbury's track record of high nitrate levels etc in groundwater, regular water quality monitoring is vital.</p> <p>Aside from the above comments about the virtual single-use commitment of Lake Tahu, I agree with CCC management proposals for the lakes. They would have some value as refugia for some native fish species (I note common bullies are abundant) but the presence of trout, tench and rudd would limit this option. People must be discouraged from feeding birds, especially blackbilled gulls which are becoming "pests" . Retention of small areas of important water fowl habitat is important, but , swans and geese should be discouraged as they foul the water and banks, and could interfere with airport activities.</p>		No	Don Jellyman
45275	Please leave it as is! Don't need anything else there!		No	Leanne Mora

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45274	<p>separate areas for kayaking and swimming. To many people mixing leads to injuries or potential injuries.</p> <p>LOTS of parking and monitored so people don't rip the no parking signs down and there are consequences for illegal parking.</p> <p>If the new entrance doesn't eventuate, the sharp did needs to be made one way or widened to allow for 2 vehicles.</p> <p>As this gets more popular, it needs to be monitored for bad behaviour, as some people are not able to self regulate and it makes it far less enjoyable for others. The popularity has exploded and it seems it is being encouraged. This is fine if it is monitored and car parking provided. It may come like the Groynes that there needs to eventually be a booking system.</p> <p>Make the bird reserves pretty watertight in its inability for idiots to vandalise.</p> <p>The new entrance will make it a lot easier to get to the lake. It will also mean a lot less maintenance of the entry road, meaning less problems with access. Large fence though to keep vandals out.</p> <p>Lock the new gates so people can't vandalise the area after dark.</p>	<p>The sheer increase in popularity is creating its own problems antisocial behaviour and parking anywhere a car can be squeezed.</p>	No	Marg O'Connell
45273	<p>I would just like to see a nice road in and out and not a rutted potholed 4wd track and maybe access to all areas of the lakes. Maybe some picnic areas with some permanent shelter.</p>		No	R. Wells
45272	<p>Please keep the area to the right (Old rubbish site) for dogs, hopefully off lead.</p>	<p>Please make sure dogs are allowed on lead around the lakes.</p>	No	Kay Weeks

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45256	<p>Major Points for development plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 pitches</li></ul> <p>This is the only venue in Christchurch and the best venue in the region, with additional courts it will also be an important national and international venue. It's impossible to host international and the larger national events with just two courts.</p> <p>The growth of the sport is currently limited by the capacity of only two courts and participant numbers will grow with the venue</p> <p>There are no alternative venues in Christchurch, so it is critical to future proof the venue and supporting facilities for future development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shared sport and storage facility, closer to Canoe Polo area</li></ul> <p>With double the amount of courts, there will be more storage space needed, the current amount of storage is just enough</p> <p>A lot of the people requiring equipment will be children, so having the storage facility closer to the Canoe Polo area is ideal</p>	Genera; support	No	Zane Shadbolt

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving the road/gates</li></ul> <p>Traffic currently presents a significant hazard on busy days. With the need to cross the road to access our storage facilities, removing the majority of traffic would make it much safer</p> <p>Major point for management plan</p> <p>Policy 2.4: 1+3</p> <p>No traffic past the Canoe Polo area will greatly enhance the safety of all players and spectators</p>			

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45223	<p>I applaud the Council for providing this wonderful reserve. At present the draft management plan allows dogs to be walked in the wider reserve but not to swim in either of the lakes. We have around 40,000 dogs in Christchurch and most are family pets. On a recent visit to the reserve I noticed several families/people with dogs and the dogs were swimming which does not comply with the current Dog Control Bylaw. I am sure compliance would improve if there was an area where dogs are permitted to swim at the lakes. Anyone taking a dog to the park as part of a family outing will let the dog swim, regardless of the rules, so why not provide an area to allow this. There are few clean freshwater areas for dog swimming in Christchurch the Groynes is nearby and is a fabulous spot. Surely this could be too?</p>		No	Kathryn McNeil
45201	<p>I support the proposed management plan. I also encourage much more regular maintenance of the road ways so that those who don't have access to/can't afford a 4wd vehicle can still access the facility (which is currently required to reach Lake Rua).</p>	<p>I fully support the proposed developments under the development plan. Greater Christchurch is desperately short of natural/nature-based accessible aquatic and fresh water sport and leisure space. Such spaces provide, not only for sports participants, but also enable cost accessible opportunities for lower socioeconomic groups. It would also be great to see partnership with ECAN to enable easier public transport access to the Reserve, so that it might be used by people from across the city without the current transport and access barriers.</p>	No	Jill Borland
45186	<p>We would love this to be developed further.</p> <p>This is the only place my partner can get into the water from a wheelchair as he cannot go to the beach in his wheelchair</p>		No	Michelle Malone

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45140		<p>I am in favour of the development plans. I regularly swim at lake Rua as part of my open-water swim training and have noticed the erosion of the bank, especially in the last year. Moving the entry off Sawyers Arms Road is well overdue. My main concerns with the development, which will presumably make the reserve even more popular would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The anti-social behavoiur that is already present will get worse. It is not a family friendly place to go, after early afternoons during summer. There is drinking, drug taking, drug dealing, and other antisocial behavoiur. There are piles of litter (usually glass bottles) left each day.</li><li>2. The number of off-leash dogs. I am regularly avoiding dog poo on the grass as i walk to the lake. There are always numerous dogs off-leash and running into the water. Lake Rua is classed as an "on-leash" area, but this is constantly ignored. I have also witnessed dogs attacking other dogs... maybe it will be a child attacked next due to irresponsible owners??</li><li>3. Waka Ama or Dragon Boat racing put up wire across the lake when they are using it. The lake is still available for swimmers, but how is this safe??</li></ol>	No	Hannah Drury

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45116	Hello we (as a family) would fully support any enhancements to this facility.	<p>My son is heavily involved in Canoe Polo and we currently spend Tuesday nights / Wednesday afternoons and Sunday afternoons on the canoe polo lakes either playing in competitions or training. The current courts are stretched (only having two) so on a Tuesday night we don't leave there till after 8pm more courts and facilities would allow for more games. More courts would also allow for warming up and further practice sessions for whole Teams (like school teams on a Wednesday).Being big users of the Canoe Polo area and would dearly love more courts and facilities (The toilets are awesome by the way!!!)</p> <p>In addition to this, on a beautiful weekend day it is heavily trafficked with little space for people to park and safely move around with their families. Plus the road in has become more and more treacherous with the gigantic pot holes and it does encourage "boy racers". This is extremely dangerous on the crowded weekends so a shorter (less desirable racing track ) would be ideal.</p>	No	Angela Coley
45115		<p>Yes! please change the main entrance, people are always hooning on that gravel road and its dangerous.</p> <p>I played canoepolo here for 15 years and its the best place in the country (wind dependent). I biked from the CBD to play and it was excellent to have boat storage. A power supply would be good for tournaments too, though i guess mainland canoe polo and burnside canoe polo clubs would know more about this.</p>	No	THOMAS BOLTON

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45070	Current access to reserve has a narrow gateway. The access road is rutted and too narrow for cars to pass. Not helped by large boulders to reduce the road to a single lane. It needs to be sealed and widened especially as it is used by trailers and buses. It needs better access to swim area off a separate entrance off the flat with additional parking installed to prevent people from parking all over the place including in the no parking areas creating traffic jams. Visited on the 6 March and it was chaos. Most people had no where to park and just left. If it had better access off some of the surrounding streets then could spread the parking over a larger area. No point providing more facilities if it can not cope with current demand especially as growing population of users.		No	Yvonne Osborne
45031	Need control over the drinking that occurs at the reserve. An enforced no alcohol policy is needed. The reserve is very busy so more security is needed to ensure everyone feels safe going there. Need to ensure that there is safe access to the reserve. Vehicle and pedestrian access off Outlook Way is a good option but the main issue is with pedestrians and cyclists who have a dangerous route getting to the reserve. There needs to be an underpass or safer crossing points at Sawyers Arms Road roundabout. It's extremely dangerous for the numerous users accessing the reserve to cross here but it's the only option if not accessing the reserve via vehicle.	Extra bases to jump off needed or just make easier/safer access to the trees (ie put in climbing wrungs). Definitely need access off Outlook Way. Some changing sheds that are not in a toilet would be good. Safer access to the Reserve with a safer crossing point at Sawyers Arms Road for cyclist/pedestrians	No	TRACY HICKLING

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44934	roads and access for disability	would be really nice if council would sealed this road as it is very dangerous the current way it is with all potholes bumps even to rough for 4wd also would be nice if there was access to the west side of the lake to park vehicles at the lake edge for disability folk , even if it was allowed via key access only , being pay for key to get thru a gate for seasonal pass same as enviromental council access to waimak river	No	dave morgan
44918	More security presence, and/or formalisation of this facility is needed to deter anti-social groups and behaviour. I.e. lifeguards? More security? It would be great to allow food trucks/coffee carts to park up somewhere out of the way. This would help make things a bit more social and discourage anti-social behaviour.	Please expand the current parking facilities, there is not enough parking available for peak times, and there is plenty of space to increase this.	No	Duncan Henderson
44912		Provide recycling bins similar to the ones in Selwyn.	No	Reuben Gent
44911	The new plan needs to include a dedicated carpark, shutting off vehicle access to the lakes perimeter. Currently there is significant vehicle congestion and the summer dust is horrendous from the gravel road. Many of the vehicles are just "cruisers" who don't even use the lakes facilities. The lake needs to be more family friendly. Dogs need to be under "effective" control.		No	John Collings
44893	Are there anyway to get more carparking? Or a in-out flow like the end of the carpark? Maybe just maybe a bbq area or a few because alot of us just take a bbq down with us.		No	Kylie McGregor

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44754	I like the ideas. It will be great to upgrade the roads to the lakes as they have big pot holes at the moment		No	Wei Ping Chew
44752	Great idea supported.	Support this. That road surface in particular needs to be improved!	No	Lisa McGonigle
44749	Thanks for the chance to submit. Please consider cycles ways as it might be really nice to cycle to this area and spend time at the lakes. I know it is a fair distance from town, but it could be a really nice cycle ride to go out there for a day and take a picnic.		No	Alex van den Broek
44748	We came across this gem of a place while shopping for landscaping products and have returned several times, also using the link track to the groins. We were surprised at the diversity of native water birds using Lake Tahi despite the intense human presence. Improving the facilities for users is a welcome development but our only wish would be to protect and enhance the Crested Grebe habitat while deterring non native water fowl such as Canada Geese		No	Martin Wheldon
44744	Entrance road and parking improvements	We love enjoying the lake, but it feels like we have to go off-roaring to get there. There are no avoiding the many, deep potholes and bumps. Also, on a busy day, on you're in you're in! As people take it upon them to park alongside the entrance road, this makes it extremely difficult for anyone to enter or leave. Increased parking and more no parking signs added along the road would be amazing.	No	Lana Doublet

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44742		I support the plan. The new vehicle entrance to the Lake Rua needs to be done as soon as possible. The entrance needs to be cycle friendly for cyclist, as Lake Rua is used for triathlons.	No	Grant Jeffreys
44718	<p>Please DO NOT cut down or remove the Willow trees!! The existing trees are what make the Lakes so beautiful and pleasing to the eye they are a playground not what I would call a 'Travis style' wetland or swamp.</p> <p>I therefore take issue with Clause 2.7 of the Draft Plan in particular Para 8. "Exotic trees outside of habitat areas will be evaluated and considered for removal". Why does the CCC have an issue with broadleaf trees such as Willows and Poplars they are beautiful produce autumn colours and make the vista at the lake beautiful.? Please DON'T remove the Willow Trees from the northern side of Lake Rua or you will in my opinion be stepping in not to improve a now popular and relaxing spot but engineering it into another Travis wetland which it is not. Clause 2.7 also refers to "wilding or less desirable species" who says they are less desirable?? Again if you are referring to the Willows I love them! The access road is atrocious one of the bumpiest 'roads' I've ever driven on. Even if it must remain a gravel Road at least make it a safe drive please.</p>	<p>I discovered these Lakes 5 years ago before the road was extended and have loved spending time there every summer since. I grew up in Burnside/Avonhead and always enjoyed the similar setting in the Groynes. I welcome some improvements including possibly extending to allow swimming on Lake Tahi. But I think the shoreline the trees and the little access points between the Lakes where people can fish or sit are perfect AS THEY ARE. There can be a temptation to OVERDEVELOP!! Please don't OVERDEVELOP it's the throwback to the 70's and 80's that people enjoy about the place</p>	No	Craig Buchan

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	I like the other improvements you have made in the past 2-3 years .			
44694		It will be good having a closer access for lake rua for the public as the current road can get very busy and require a lot of maintenance due to high traffic volumes in the summer months. I have seen cars in a physical traffic jam as the current road is not very wide so gets blocked very easily if lots of people are going to that lake. Helping develop the courts and lake access for canoe polo is great to encourage the sport in the community. It is limited in its hosting capacities for competitions due to only having two courts etc.	No	Lydia Nuttall

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44690		The access road is in appalling condition and urgently needs resurfacing, preferably sealed	No	Derrick Nelson
44685		A playground would be a great asset	No	Laura Bishop
44683		Definitely more parking by the swim spot, on hot days it's nearly impossible to get a car park!	No	Maddie Thoresen
44682		Hi i have visited Roto Kōhatu Reserve once on a very busy day and unfortunately we had to reverse the whole way out from Lake rua as people had park all along one side which stated no parking so maybe a bigger parking spot at the entrance so you have to walk in and no parking around the lake could be a good idea? And then closer to the lake have little areas for picnic spots, BBQ maybe so that larger families are able to have kids birthday out there.	No	Renee Riley
44680	What about the crested grebes that nest on this lake, a critically endangered bird, how are they going to be protected.	As above, do we really need more people causing havoc with their jet skis, upsetting the bird life. As it is dogs are meant to be on lead and no-one hardly ever has them on a lead. When I was there a couple of days ago a dog came charging at me and jumped up at me and nearly knocked me over.	No	Ann Coates
44679	Please keep it a place for kayaks, paddle boards and swimming rather than boats as changes the entire dynamic of the place.  Please also change the entrance or at least turn it into an actual road. Built in BBQs and an open air shower		No	Nathan Jones
44678		If possible can you please allow for bikers around the lakes. And someday link up with the Waimak tracks.	No	Paul McFadden

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44677	Would like to hear that the items in the middle of the lake are removed. When my friend swam across she saw what looked like a piece of old building material/ reinforcing metal there and sticking straight up.		No	Becky Wilson
44676		The road in is disgraceful. It has to be sealed urgently!	No	Wayne Thomsen
44675	If you could make allowances for biking when doing the track. It would be nice to have shared walk/cycle or 2 separate tracks around the circumference of the whole reserve. It's a very popular cycle track from Clearwater to the Jet Ski. Thanks		No	Debbie McFadden
44674	By removing the under path you may block accesses to the Otukaikino walkway which link the lake with the Groynts		No	Raviv Carasuk
44673	More car parking is needed, particularly at Lake Rua	I'm sorry, I have absolutely no idea how to make a submission but from my own experience the car parking at Lake Rua needs to be expanded. Perhaps a reserved area for boat launching near the waters edge. It can be very hard work carrying a kayak to the water when parking spots are scarce.	No	Kelly Brass

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44671		Defiantly need to improve the car park . There is never room to park and everyone parks everywhere even when it says no parking.	No	Mietta Mattox
44669	Our kids have enjoyed meeting their friends there on hot days to cool off. Would it be possible to get this put on a bus route?		No	Mali Cole

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44668	<p>Lake Rua is a great asset to Christchurch. I am a frequent user of the Lake, mainly for paddle boarding, but also family picnics etc.</p> <p>The only addition I would like to see commentary on is on Alcohol use. I have often seen people get a bit rowdy and confrontational when at the Lake. The priority should be that this is a family safe area, not an area for drunken hooligans. Perhaps the Reserve can be designated an Alcohol free area. I know that is hard to police, but the reserve should be accessible to every one, and shouldn't be tainted by the actions of a drunken few. Perhaps some security cameras to deter the trouble makers? I've also noticed degradation at the lake edge in several areas. I would like to see more detail on where this shore remediation is planned to take place.</p>	<p>I approve of the improvements / changes to the access road, but this must be done with improvements to parking. Whilst the existing road has several no parking signs on the access way to Lake Rua, this is often ignored by idiots on very busy days, which turns the access road into a complicated and frustrating one way road. Might I request that the access road be designed so that cars can't pull over and clog up the access road (i.e. bollards / barrier in the middle of the road)</p> <p>Perhaps a special key / approval can be given to food vendors in the hotter months so they don't take up valuable parking spaces. I have observed the Mr Whippy vendor being abused for taking up two parking bays. He's just trying to make a dollar, but I can also see why people get frustrated, because at some times of the day, getting a car park is enormously challenging. If Mr Whippy could park in a designated area, this would help alleviate this frustration.</p> <p>With the proposed access change to Lake Rua being off of Outlook Place, will the businesses in the area be accommodating of overflow car parking on the street, or will they require parking limits to be applied?</p> <p>I think a larger floating pontoon / pier would be a great addition to the lake. The current pontoon is too small for the number of people at the lake on peak days. Perhaps 2-3 pontoons could be installed, and placed in the lake to promote use of the entire lake boundary.</p>	No	Barry Crates
44667		<p>Need to make the road sealed and have it so you can drive around the lake with more parking areas right around if you have kids you have to carry all gear from car park and install speed numbs to deter boy racers</p>	No	Anouk Wanrooy
44666	<p>More parking is definitely needed. Very very popular on hot weekend. The council has created a gem here. What about a similar venue in the eastern suburbs on some of the empty land.</p>	<p>Definitely go ahead with the plans. We love the lake</p>	No	Kevin De Vos

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44664	Yes definitely go ahead with plans. Pls consider more parking. We went 9th Jan and had to leave as no parking. Very hot day. We go there often in summer to swim, SUP. Because these lakes are so popular pls consider creating more man made lakes in Eastern suburbs.	Definitely more picnic areas, perhaps some more shady areas where we can sit. Pls continue to allow dogs attend with their owners. Pls consider adding a few change rooms near toilets.	No	Kevin De vos
44663	Improve the road in to the reserve so it is wide enough for it to be a two way road		No	Sandy Chalmers
44662	I would like to know you will consider the parking. We love this spot but parking can be ridiculous on a hot day.		No	Fiona Sisson
44660		Need more parking and wider roads. We visited one weekend day and the place was overrun and gridlocked, absolutely awful.	No	Vaughan Greenfield
44658	Please upgrade the roads leading into the lake. We had a lovely family birthday party there in early January and the biggest obstacle for everyone was the roads. Is it possible to remove some of the hidden obstacles in the water? Its a bit scary seeing the signs near the swimming area and not knowing exactly what is under there. The kids don't see the warning signs once they are in the water either.		No	Liz Sawers
44657	Where are the rubbish bins?	Where are the rubbish bins?	No	Jordan Belton

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44656	Enhanced walking paths. The swimming part needs a better beach front. Possibly a deck that slopes into the water.shaded picnic areas.		No	Michael Arthur Robinson
44655		Better access road and parking would help immensely. On busy days the cars line the road in and it is a nightmare because there is nowhere else to park. Double parking, parking on walkways....anything goes. The road is so rough, ok for us in a Ute but not for those in a normal car.	No	Rebecca Dew
44654	I wish to place a submission that the reserve development plan include upgrading and sealing of roadways both the entry and various roadways around the lakes.		No	John Noble
44653	Change or restrict the Jet Ski lake times to allow time slots for unpowered kayaks or SUP's etc	In lake Rua, get rid of all the trees that sit in or below the water as they are a hazard to swimmers and kayaks and SUP's etc. Also if you foster too much birdlife you will end up with geese or excess birds that will pollute the water making it un-swimmable (like the Avon where the water quality is unsafe due to excess birdlife polluting the waterways)	No	Brendon Ross

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44652	I would like to see the road into the lakes widened, with lots of kids running around it is dangerous having to back up to find a place wide enough for two cars to pass, especially around the middle of the day when morning swimmers are leaving and afternoon crowd are arriving. Also some changing rooms, at the moment people are using the toilets and making it harder for people waiting. Perhaps some of the posts and chain could be removed on really busy days by the ranger to let people park on grass out the back areas. This is a fabulous place, let's make it more user friendly		No	Christine Atherton
44650	More parking is desperately needed on a busy day its chaos right now with people parking all over and blocking the road down to one lane. Sealing the road would be a welcome improvement too.		No	Aaron Frew
44649	Hi. Could you please consider an area where dogs can swim? It's such a great area and certainly big enough to have one beach area where dogs are allowed.		No	Susan Tansey
44644	Please maintain a clear marked/signposted cross-country cycle way to the north of the lakes that links on to the Otukaikino shared use trail through to the Waimakariri regional park (marked in brown on attached file). A formal sealed cycle link from Roto Kohatu to the Harewood Rd underpass would be a great asset and encourage the use of bike/scooter		No	Eric Ackroyd



## **6. Hearing of Submissions Ngā Tāpaetanga**

Submitters who indicated that they wished to be heard in person will present to the Hearings Panel. A schedule of presenters can be found at the beginning of the Volume of *“Heard Submissions”*.

## **7. Consideration and Deliberations Ngā Whaiwhakaaro me Ngā Taukume o Ngā Kōrero**

At the conclusion of submitters being heard, the Hearings Panel will consider all submissions received on the proposal, and any additional information provided by submitters and Council Officers. The Hearings Panel will then deliberate on the proposal.

## **8. Hearings Panel Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu o Te Tira Tauaki**

At the conclusion of deliberations the Hearings Panel will make a recommendation on the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan to the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board