

**Reserves Act Hearings Panel**  
**Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan**  
**MINUTES**

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**Date:** Wednesday 27 July 2022  
**Time:** 9.03am  
**Venue:** Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan Hearing  
Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Members

Councillor Aaron Keown  
Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Member Mike Wall  
Councillor Jimmy Chen

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The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

## 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

### Hearings Panel Decision

There were no apologies received.

## 2. Election of Chairperson Te Whakatū Poumua

### Hearings Panel Resolved RAHPC/2022/00007

It was **decided** that Councillor Aaron Keown be appointed Chairperson of the Reserves Act Hearings Panel .

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Member Wall/Councillor Chen

**Carried**

## 3. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

## 4. Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan

The Following Council officers were invited to present the Officer's report and respond to questions arising from the Hearings Panel.

Antony Shadbolt (Team leader: Biodiversity)

Robbie Hewson (Head Ranger Coastal & Plains)

Philippa Upton (Engagement Advisor)

The Panel made a point to acknowledge Philippa Upton for her excellent work while at Council and thanked her for her many years of service.

## 5. Volumes of Submissions

### Hearings Panel Resolved RAHPC/2022/00008

That the Reserves Act Hearings Panel:

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

Councillor Keown/Councillor Chen

**Carried**

## 6. Hearing of Submissions Ngā Tāpaetanga

The Hearings Panel received presentations from the following submitters:

- Amanda Dodd on behalf of Cancer Society
- Chris Ford on behalf of Disabled Persons Assembly
- Simon Rutherford
- Simon Rutherford on behalf of KORE Limited
- Lyndon Slater on behalf of North Canterbury Fish and Game

Joanna Taylor who had initially asked to be heard indicated that they no longer wish to be heard.

## 7. Consideration and Deliberation Ngā Whaiwhakaaro me Ngā Taukume o Ngā Kōrero

The Hearings Panel considered and deliberated on the written and verbal submissions received and additional information provided by submitters and Council Officers.

Council Officers Robbie Hewson and Antony Shadbolt returned to the table to respond to questions raised by the Hearings Panel.

The Panel noted the following matters relating to the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan:

- A wide range of recreational and active users
- Anti-social behaviour
- Road Access
- Parking
- Toilet and shower areas
- Flocking birds
- Water quality
- Shade sails

In considering these matters the Panel noted the following answers received from staff relating to these items:

- Security cameras have been installed in the area as well as building a working relationship with Community Patrol in the area.
- No further parking is required as the current parking is adequate and such management would put more pressure on the environment.
- The gravel road across the top of the Reserve will be closing, however a new road access will be opening. The new entry points to the Reserve will be able to be used by a wide range of users and vehicles including wide vans and trucks and trailers.
- Toilet and showers are currently installed, open and operating.
- Planting tall trees and vegetation can have an impact on dissuading flocking birds from the area.
- The water quality of the Reserve is monitored annually.
- There are ongoing discussions with an organisation which is interested in funding shade sails for to be used at the Reserve.

In response to queries raised in the hearing staff agreed to inquire into/carry out the following actions:

- Send Ingrid Robertson and Chris Ford details of the upcoming Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board meeting 12 September.
- Investigate installing mounted sunscreen dispensers.
- Send Simon Rutherford details of the upcoming Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board meeting 12 September.
- Investigate installing speed bump on the new access road.

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

### **Hearings Panel Resolved RAHPC/2022/00009**

That the Reserves Act Hearings Panel recommends that the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board:

1. Receive and consider the information in the report, the submissions, and all other relevant information received on the proposed Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan.
2. Adopt the Roto Kohatu Reserve Management Plan containing revisions agreed to by the hearings panel at its meeting on 27th July 2022.

Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Member Wall/Councillor Keown

**Carried**

**Meeting concluded at 11.01am.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2022 BY CHAIRPERSON COUNCILLOR AARON KEOWN**