

**Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community
Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

Date: Thursday 28 September 2023
Time: 4 pm
Venue: Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street

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Port Hills Plan

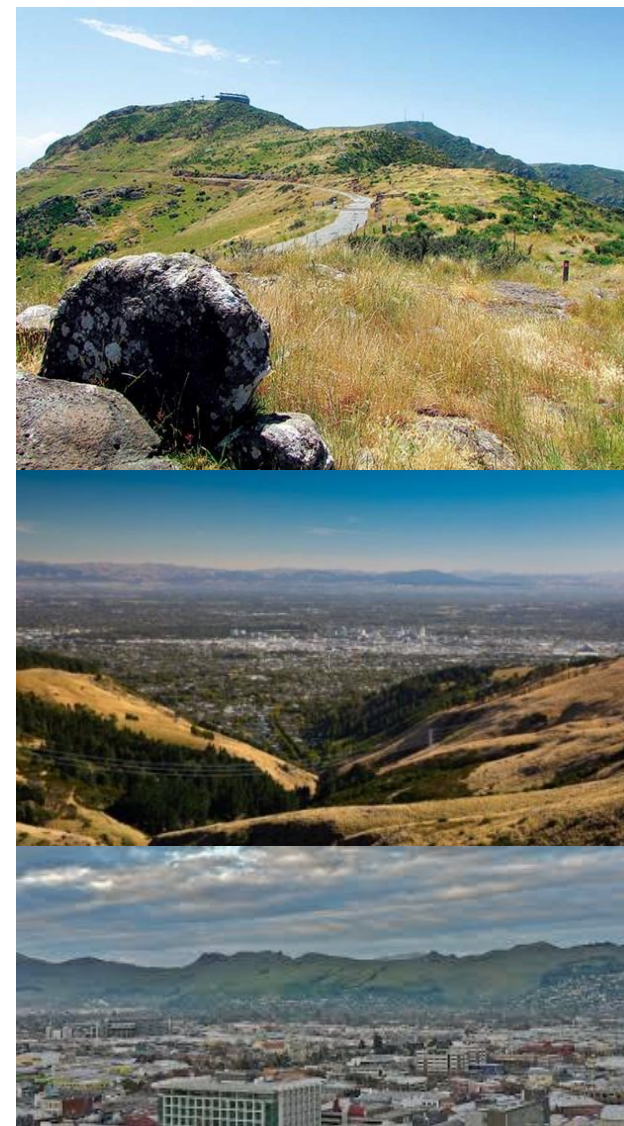


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*Chrissie Williams, Committee Member, ŌHRN
28 September 2023*

ŌHRN interest

- ŌHRN has significant interest in the development of the Port Hills Plan
- In our submissions to the CCC 2023 Annual Plan we asked that
 - the Port Hills Plan be a priority
 - greater and urgent priority be given to increase the planting of erosion-prone gullies of the Port Hills to
 - reduce erosion at source
 - reduce sediment entering the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River
- Council is responding to the requests for the Port Hills Plan
 - Led by the Regional Parks and Parks Planning teams
 - Plan must consider all Council functions (not just those of the Parks Unit), and those of Environment Canterbury, DOC and other organisations.
- We want to be a supportive advocate in development of the Plan.
We need to be able to:
 - engage with the Council staff at an early stage
 - understand their intended approach
 - communicate our priorities for the Plan



Those who could be involved

Mana whenua

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga

Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

Statutory organisations



Summit Road Protection Authority
Summit Road Advisory Committee

Council organisations

Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-
Heathcote Community Board

Christchurch West Melton Zone
Committee

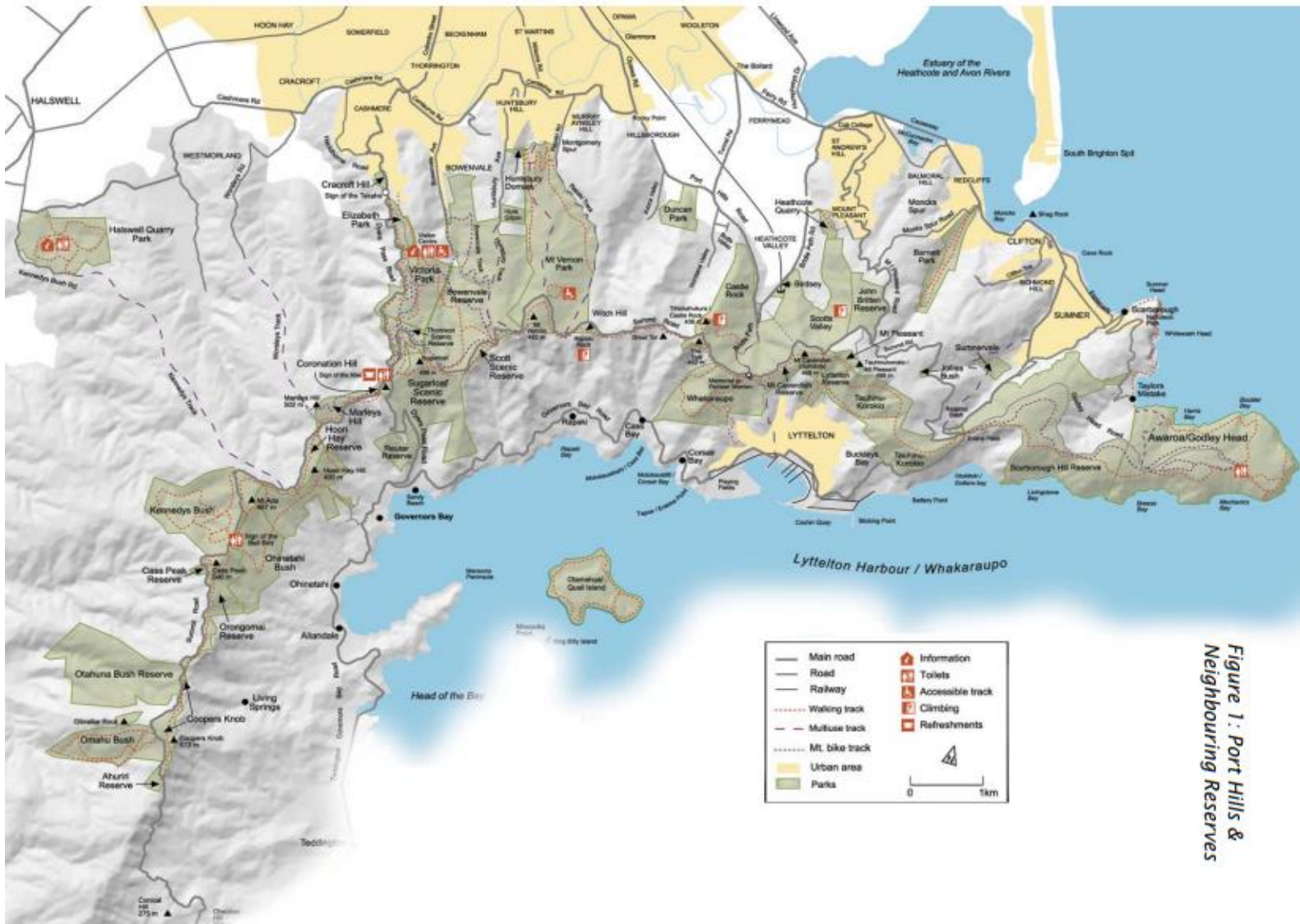
Private landowners



Forestry owners
Farmers
Developers

Trusts and Societies





2004 map

Boundaries

For ŌHRN the area that is of interest and concern is the north facing slopes of the Port Hills on the city side, from Bridal Path to Kennedys Bush track

Two possible options

Include only the north facing slopes of the Port Hills on the city side, from Godley Head to Kennedys Bush track

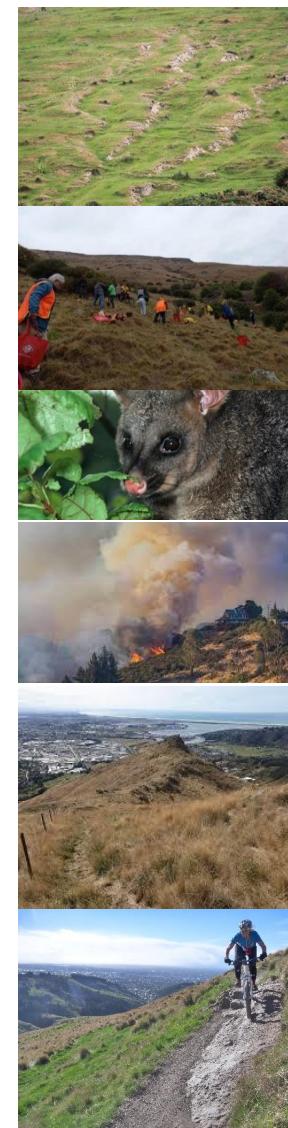
- If an integrated catchment management approach is applied for the Ōpāwaho catchment, the summit ridge is the catchment boundary
- The north facing dry slopes comprising loess soils are particularly subject to erosion and drought, and difficult to vegetate.
- The south facing slopes are already included in the existing Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Plan for Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour.

Include both the north and south facing slopes from Godley head to Gebbies Pass

- Would provide a more holistic Plan, and avoid an artificial boundary of the summit ridge for landscape, biodiversity and recreation values, for example.
- Such a Plan would need to be consistent with the Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour Plan for Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour.

Key issues and pressures

- **Climate change** effects are being felt with more extreme rain and drought events
- Susceptibility to **erosion of loess soils**; **Increased concern** of the impact of Port Hill's **erosion on the sediment loads** in the tributaries and mainstem of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River
- Increase awareness and community support for **biodiversity and habitat restoration, planting, and weed and animal pest control**
- Changes in **farming practices** – forestry, carbon farming, grazing
- **Fire risk** management; Port Hills fire in February 2017
- Urban encroachment with **subdivisions** in and adjacent to the Port Hills; Earthquakes accelerated construction activity and residential development on the Port Hills
- Significance for environmental, geological and scenic values; landscape protection
- Significant **increase in recreational use**, both in numbers and in the range of activities; Christchurch Adventure Park opened in December 2016



Important guidance

- The purpose of the **Natural and Built Environments Act 2023** is to enable
 - **Te Oranga o te Taiao** to be upheld, including by protecting and enhancing the natural environment; and
 - people and communities to use the environment in a way that supports the well-being of present generations without compromising the well-being of future generations.
- **Te Mana o te Wai** is a priority outcome to guide freshwater management, to ensure the health and well-being of the water is protected and human health needs are provided for before enabling other uses of water.
 - To achieve Te Mana o te Wai Environment Canterbury must develop a long-term vision for the Ōpāwaho
 - Christchurch City Council must take an integrated management approach to freshwater management in accordance with the principle of ki uta ki tai to recognise the interconnectedness of the environment, the interactions between its parts, and requires integration between freshwater management and land use to ensure the health and well-being of freshwater environments.
- **National Policy Statement for Freshwater 2020** provides national direction
 - which Environment Canterbury translates into action on the ground through their regional policy statement and regional plans, Christchurch City Council through their district plans
- **Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013** acknowledges the values and aspirations of mana whenua.
 - Many sections in the plan are relevant to the Port Hills Plan - Wai Māori , Papatūānuku , Tāne Mahuta
- **National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023** provides direction to councils
 - to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity. It provides increased clarity and direction to councils on their roles and responsibilities for identifying, protecting and maintaining indigenous biodiversity under the Resource Management Act 1991

Guiding documents and Planning tools on the Port Hills

Christchurch City Council land	Other 'Public' Land	Private land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the Natural and Built Environments Act 2023 is to enable Te Oranga o te Taiao to be upheld, by protecting and enhancing the natural environment • Te Oranga o te Taiao to be upheld, including by protecting and enhancing the natural environment • Te Mana o te Wai - to ensure the health and well-being of the water is protected and human health needs are provided for before enabling other uses of water. • National Policy Statement for Freshwater 2020 • National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 • Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan 2013 - Wai Māori, Papatūānuku and Tāne Mahuta • Environment Canterbury Regional Policy Statement • Environment Canterbury Land and Water Plan • Christchurch District Plan 2017 - The Port Hills have significant natural features, landscape, ecological and Ngāi Tahu values that are protected • Summit Road (Canterbury) Protection Act 2001 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC Public Open Space Strategy 2010-2040 • CCC Biodiversity Strategy 2008-2035 • CCC Grazing Licences Policy 2002 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CCC Cashmere Spur And Bowenvale Valley Reserves Management Plan, 1991 ◦ CCC Montgomery Spur Reserve Management Plan - adopted in 2010, amended in 2021. • Waterways and Wetlands Asset Management Strategy • Recreation and Sports Strategy 2002 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mt Vernon Management Plan ◦ Godley Head Farm Park Management Plan ◦ Awaroa/Godley Head Coastal Park Development Plan 2004 ◦ Ohinetahi Bush Reserve Management Plan • Trust Deeds 	

Purpose of the Port Hills Plan

*To provide an overarching and **long-term vision**
for the **integration between freshwater management and land**
use on the Port Hills
to achieve **Te Mana o Te Wai** of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River
and other freshwater resources.
And to drive action to achieve the desired outcomes of the Plan*

ŌHRN – Overarching outcome for the Port Hills

Integrated management of the Port Hills land and the Ōpāwaho/ Heathcote River and its tributaries is restoring Te Mana o te Wai

ŌHRN – Other outcomes for the Port Hills

1. Outcome: The **headwaters and tributaries** of the Ōpāwaho/Heathcote River **are protected** and the health of the freshwater resources is improving
2. Outcome: The **stability and resilience** of the Port Hills has been strengthened to **protect** the Port Hills from **erosion and fire**

ŌHRN – Other Outcomes for the Port Hills

3. Outcome: ***Biodiversity and natural values** are being preserved and enhanced*
4. Outcome: *The Port Hills are valued for low impact **recreation***
5. Outcome: ***Landscape and heritage values** are being protected and enriched*
6. Outcome: ***Land uses** in the Port Hills are **appropriate and sustainable**, and within the capability of the land*