

NeighbourhoodParks Management Plan

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The Management Plan for the Neighbourhood Parks was approved by the Invercargill City Council by resolution passed at its meeting held on the 26th day of February 2002, after all submissions, objections and suggestions relating to the Management Plan had been disposed of and suggestions allowed.

The Management Plan shall come into operation on the 1st day of March 2002, and shall remain operative for a period of ten years.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this management plan is to ensure neighbourhood parks create a better environment for the community.



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Introduction

Welcome to the Invercargill City Council Parks Division Neighbourhood Park Management Plan, which covers 46 of Invercargill's neighbourhood parks. This management plan is a guide for the next ten years of how the Parks Division proposes to maintain and enhance the various identified park areas.

It is important that the needs of the community are accommodated, as this is the primary function of a Council. If there is a demonstrated need to enhance a park area, for example, with play equipment then the Council will investigate this and address the issue. This management plan provides a base for serving the needs of the community and ensuring any requests are appropriately addressed.

This plan is a continuation of the play strategy carried out in 1997, including an internal review of reserve land by the Parks Division with assistance from other Council departments. A number of the concepts raised by the strategy have been carried over into this management plan.

The format of this document revolves around the mission statement on the first page of this plan. From that statement, objectives have been developed on what is to be achieved over the next ten years (Section 2). On that basis specific policies have been developed (Section 3). These policies address the characteristics of neighbourhood parks and what is proposed to maintain and enhance these areas. The fourth section of this document (Section 4) relates to the individual neighbourhood parks. This section identifies the areas and discusses some of the history for the park. Any specific views on the potential development of the areas are identified in this section. Maps, diagrams and photos are also contained within this section. The final sections of this document address its administration, amendment and review.

An effort has been made to keep the document user friendly and we believe in a format that is flowing and easy to understand. If you require any further assistance or clarification you are welcome to contact the Parks Division who will be happy to assist.

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Objectives

1. Enjoyment

The purpose of a neighbourhood park is to enhance the amenity values of an area. This is done by providing a green area available for recreational, social and community use. Neighbourhood parks should therefore be maintained and enhanced to provide enjoyment for the community.

2. Community Involvement

The community will be consulted and involved with the management and development of neighbourhood parks. This management plan undertakes to represent the community's desires, but consultation should continue as various developments occur.

3. Park Development

Neighbourhood parks shall be developed, as need and resources permit. This shall be to a high standard that meets public expectations. The park areas shall reflect creativity, individualism and encourage pride within the community. This should result in neighbourhood parks becoming a more attractive place for all members of the community.

4. Safety

Neighbourhood parks should be safe places for members of the community to use. It is recognised there will and sometimes needs to be some form of risk, especially with play, but it is important parks are as safe as possible.

5. Standards/Improvements

Neighbourhood parks, and the equipment on them, shall be maintained to a high standard and improvements carried out where appropriate, as resources permit. Neighbourhood parks maintained to a high standard will enhance the amenity values in the area.

6. Community Access

Neighbourhood parks should be within walking distance of any built-up residential area. This includes parks being accessible to anybody who may have difficulties normally gaining access to recreational areas, as far as is practicable.

7. Vandalism

Park areas can be vulnerable to damage and vandalism; this includes the damage of play equipment, graffiti and the breaking of trees. It is important that this is mitigated so that living beside a park will not pose any additional risk than that normally associated with a residential area.

8. Public Awareness

The availability of neighbourhood parks and their upgrading should be promoted to enhance public awareness of the area. Some parks tend to be hidden from view, being in side streets or down walkways. It is important that people are aware of the neighbourhood parks and their location.

9. Plantings

Neighbourhood parks should be enhanced with appropriate plantings. When carried out appropriately, this can beautify and soften the appearance of neighbourhood parks.

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Policies

1. Community Consultation

1.1 The community is consulted with in any significant changes to neighbourhood parks.

Explanation: Consultation will be undertaken with the community in the formulation of this management plan. Consultation with the community needs to continue after this time to advise the public when significant actions are being undertaken in relation to a neighbourhood park or parks.

2. Development

2.1 At least two neighbourhood parks or equivalent will be upgraded each year. Each neighbourhood park should be assessed as to potential use and development to assist in the selection of the parks from year to year.

Explanation: Census and statistics information will be used to assess the location of users as well as consultation with the community.

2.2 The development and changes of neighbourhood parks should be carried out in an ordered sequence as detailed in this plan.

Explanation: A sequence provides the ability for future planning of park areas. It should only be used as a guide or framework rather than being strictly adhered to.

2.3 Features such as sculptures and murals should be considered when developing neighbourhood parks.

Explanation: This will introduce new characteristics to areas traditionally seen as a playground rather than community area.

3. Access

3.1 There shall be no formed public vehicular access to any of the neighbourhood parks specified in this plan.

Explanation: Vehicles are not appropriate on neighbourhood parks and access for them should therefore not be provided.

3.2 Pedestrian access shall be maintained and enhanced. This includes the frontages to the playgrounds and the walkways which serve as a "right of way" to the areas. The accesses should allow for people who may normally have difficulty including those with prams or wheelchairs.

Explanation: It is important an ease of access for pedestrians is maintained.

3.3 New hard surface walkways may be established, where necessary, in neighbourhood parks. The walkways should be well constructed, using creative designs and materials.

Explanation: Most of the parks rely on grass being the median for access on to play areas. A hard surface accessway can allow an ease of access for various groups and individuals.

4. Play Equipment

4.1 Play equipment shall be maintained to a high standard of safety and appearance.

Explanation: As safety standards are produced or adopted, they will provide the basis for safety. It is important that play equipment is both safe and attractive in appearance.

4.2 The provision of play equipment shall be kept under continuous review. Changing populations in areas result in the need to have the ability to cater for variation in demand. This includes the shifting of play equipment between parks.

Explanation: The Parks Division aims to provide play equipment where there is a need or demand. If there is reduced demand in an area, it may be necessary to shift play equipment to an area of higher demand.

5. Safety Surfacing

5.1 Safety or impact-absorbing surfacing will be provided under those items of equipment that require it and to an extent compatible with Council's resources.

Explanation: Council is rapidly progressing to having safety surfacing under all its play equipment with priority given to items with high fall factor.

6. Appropriateness of Land

6.1 The appropriateness of various neighbourhood parks should be assessed. Where necessary, land may be purchased or disposed of to rationalise the area. This shall be carried out in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 which specifies procedures, including public consultation, for the purchase or disposal of reserve land. Any revenue from the sale of land will be invested in the development or purchase of other reserve lands. Explanation: Land should only be maintained and retained when it is of benefit to the community. If a neighbourhood park can be improved from the purchase of land, this should also be carried out.

7. Services

7.1 All reticulated essential services shall be laid underground.

Explanation: Overhead services detract from the appearance of any park, and generally place limitations on the placement of trees, overall landscaping and the development of the area.

7.2 New reticulated essential services may be laid in neighbourhood parks only to service activities or facilities within the neighbourhood park. Existing reticulated essential services servicing the wider community may be replaced or upgraded.

Explanation: The primary purpose of neighbourhood parks is to provide green areas for the community, not a convenient route for network or reticulated services.

7.3 All reticulated essential services and associated structures will be maintained and serviced to not pose a danger or risk to the public.

Explanation: Neighbourhood parks are areas for all members of the community and no inherent danger or risk should exist from the inclusion of reticulated essential services on the parks.

8. Leases

8.1 All organisations with structures, facilities, network utilities or essential services on neighbourhood parks shall hold a lease, as provided under Sections 48 and 54 and the First Schedule of the Reserves Act 1977.

Explanation: While some clubs have lease agreements as allowed for in the Act, it is required that leases be granted to all organisations that have facilities, structures, network utilities or essential services on neighbourhood parks. Appropriate rentals are currently charged to recreational activities and should therefore be negotiated with utility operators.

9. Design – Architectural Control

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9.1 Any work that is carried out, including landscaping or the development of play equipment and seating, must display a high level of presentation that is in character with the surroundings. It is also important to promote the individuality of the various neighbourhood parks.

Explanation: Neighbourhood parks are expected to be well presented and contain things of interest and originality. The quality of any addition or development needs to be high to stand the test of time as well as the rigours of use and the elements.

10. Encouragement of Use

10.1 The use and availability of neighbourhood parks should be promoted and encouraged for members of the local community.

Explanation: It is important that the resources invested in an area receive a desirable amount of usage.

11. Signage

11.1 Signage indicating the name of the park shall be maintained and enhanced. Additional signage may be necessary to indicate parks not easily recognised from the street.

Explanation: People need to be aware of the availability and location of neighbourhood parks.

11.2 Signage indicating restrictions may be erected from time to time as particular dangers or problems arise.

Explanation: There may be a need to place additional signage at times but this does not allow for excess signage that may clutter a park.

12. Events

12.1 Neighbourhood parks, on request, will be available to host any community event.

<u>Explanation</u>: Neighbourhood parks are a community place and, should an individual or group of individuals wish to hold an event, a park should be readily available.

12.2 Encouragement should be given for various activities to be undertaken on neighbourhood parks. This could include picnics and neighbourhood gatherings.

Explanation: Neighbourhood parks are not currently well utilised for community activities. The use of these areas needs to be explored and promoted.

13. Animals

13.1 Pets are permitted on neighbourhood parks, provided they are under control at all times and not within the safety zone of play equipment.

Explanation: People with pets have a right to use the parks areas, provided the animals are controlled and will not cause any danger to park users or damage the park. The owners of the animals must also take responsibility for any actions the animal may make, including any faecal deposits.

14. Boundaries

14.1 The perimeter boundaries of neighbourhood parks shall be defined to ensure a clear understanding between the users of the park and adjoining landowners.

<u>Explanation</u>: Neighbourhood parks are community areas, and it is important that users of the park are aware of the area available for public use. It is also important that adjoining property owners are aware of the boundaries to avoid any potential confusion.

15. Fencing

15.1 Fences will be constructed, maintained or enhanced where bounding on to adjoining properties. The fences will be constructed, maintained or enhanced in partnership with adjoining property owners. Costs will be provided in accordance with the current fees schedule.

Explanation: Fencing is a common characteristic around neighbourhood parks and the Parks Division recognises it can be of benefit to park users and adjoining landowners. For this reason, assistance is provided in the provision of fencing.

15.2 It is encouraged that fencing be of an appropriate design which will enhance both properties.

Explanation: Types of fencing can have a marked effect on the appearance of parks and adjoining properties. Issues like the height of a fence and types of materials used should be carefully considered.

16. Buildings

16.1 No new buildings shall be permitted on neighbourhood parks.

Explanation: This policy is intended to address enclosed buildings. It does not apply to seating, shelters or shade structures. It is not appropriate, and there is no need, to have buildings on neighbourhood parks.

16.2 Existing buildings are permitted to remain. No extensions will be granted.

Explanation: Existing buildings will not be required to be removed from neighbourhood parks but it is inappropriate for significant

extensions of the buildings to occur. It would be appropriate for the activity to utilise a different site.

17. Amenity Planting

17.1 Planting of the parks should be undertaken where the action would assist in the beautification of the area. Planting should be carried out in such a manner (if possible) to create a park-like setting, including an open and safe characteristic.

Explanation: Plantings can soften and enhance the appearance of a neighbourhood park. An area that is only grass will be less attractive than an area which has been broken up and softened with plantings.

18. General Amenities

18.1 General amenities should be maintained and enhanced to a high standard where provided. This includes pathways, seating, turf and any other general feature typically associated with a neighbourhood park.

Explanation: If facilities are maintained to a high standard, vandalism and abuse of the features/equipment may be reduced.

18.2 Plants and trees shall be maintained to a high standard avoiding any potential nuisance. Any weed growth will be controlled by annual herbicide spraying to keep weed levels to a minimum.

Explanation: Weed growth needs to be controlled on neighbourhood parks and vegetation should be maintained to avoid any nuisance such as visibility and ease of access.

19. Lighting

19.1 If lighting is provided it should not create a nuisance for surrounding properties.

<u>Explanation</u>: Neighbourhood parks are not traditionally night-time areas and are not normally lit but, if the need arises, the option is available on a case-by-case basis. Lighting could also be used as a tool to highlight features of a park.

20. Advertisirig

20.1 Permanent advertising is not permitted on neighbourhood parks.

Explanation: Advertising is not traditionally seen as appropriate on a neighbourhood park.

20.2 Temporary advertising in relation to an event being held on the neighbourhood park is permitted for a time period not exceeding

one (1) week. Any advertising must have the Parks Manager's approval prior to display.

Explanation: Neighbourhood parks are being encouraged as a community place. If an event is to be held, a temporary sign may be required. The signage will be appropriate, provided the Parks Manager's approval has been obtained, and the signage is located on the venue park.

21. Litter

21.1 All users of neighbourhood parks shall be required to remove their rubbish from the park or deposit it in the receptacles provided.

Explanation: Litter, in its various forms, is not only unsightly, but also can be potentially dangerous to members of the public who utilise the area. Ideally, all rubbish should be removed.

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ARUN CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 16 Arun Crescent
- Legal Description Lot 37 DP 6142 (CT A1/927)
- Area 2,099m²
- Asset Number PXA6

2. Description of Location

The Arun Crescent Playground is located on the southern side of Arun Crescent approximately one hundred metres from St Andrew Street, in the suburb of Glengarry.

3. Access

The playground's primary frontage is on to Arun Crescent; in addition there is a walkway between the park and Tummel Street.

4. History

On 20 December 1962 Arun Crescent Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 as a fee simple estate, for recreation purposes. It was subsequently developed once the need for a playground in this area was shown. Since this time the playground equipment has been maintained, including the provision of safety matting around the base of the equipment.

5. Description of Property

The property is of a reasonable size in comparison with other neighbourhood parks and is well positioned to provide for the community. Some planting has been undertaken on the periphery borders of the property. The equipment is original but well maintained and attractive for use by children. Little damage has occurred to the park, including graffiti, which suggests the park is a safe community area. The play equipment consists of:

Slide

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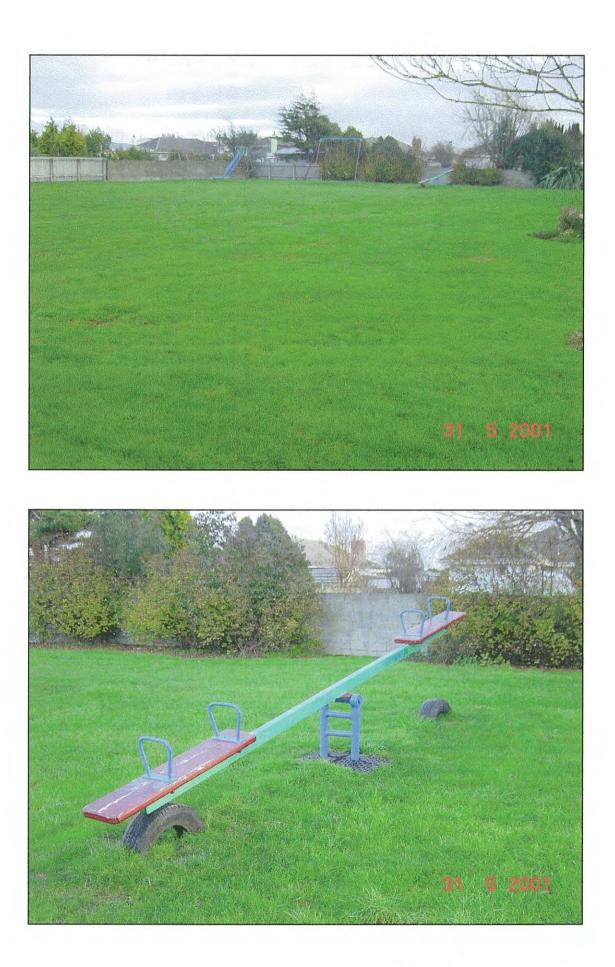
- Double swing
- Single seesaw

Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

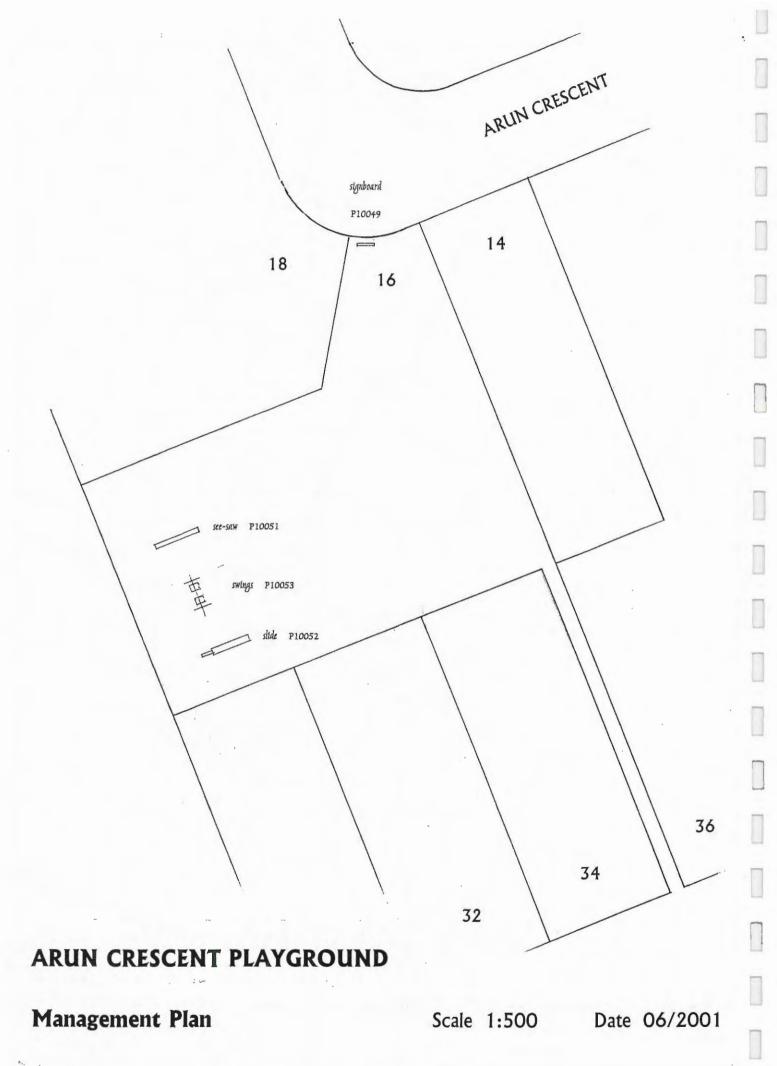
Arun Crescent Playground is attractively positioned and well laid out to be of use to the community. The availability of this area for community use needs to be promoted. This park should be developed including the utilisation of play equipment from other under-utilised reserves. The park would benefit from more visibility and should a suitable section become available this could be achieved. Some form of sports item would also be useful.



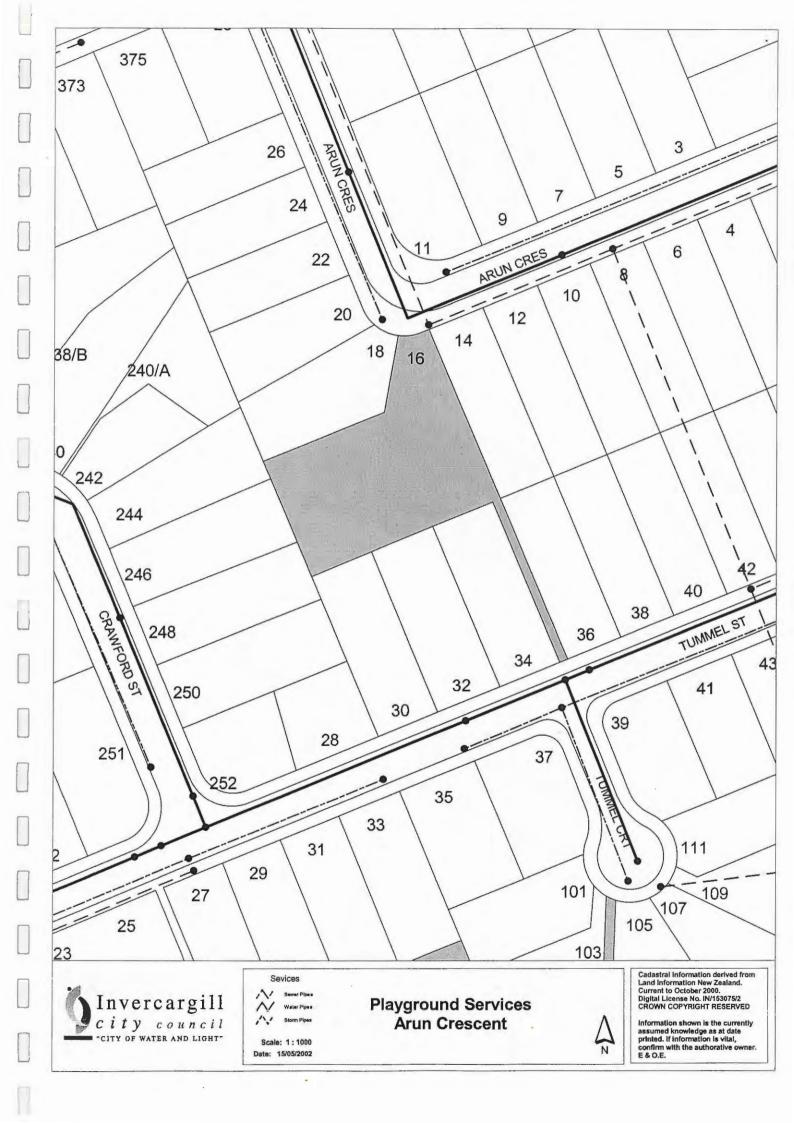
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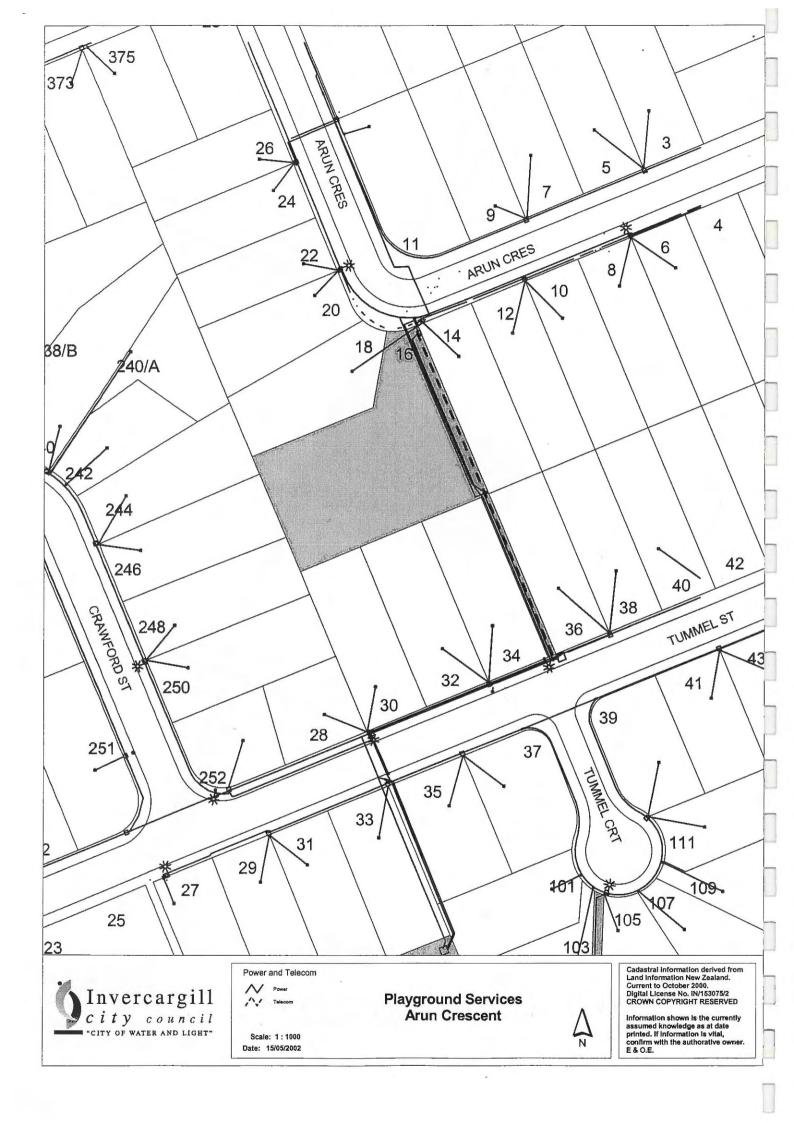
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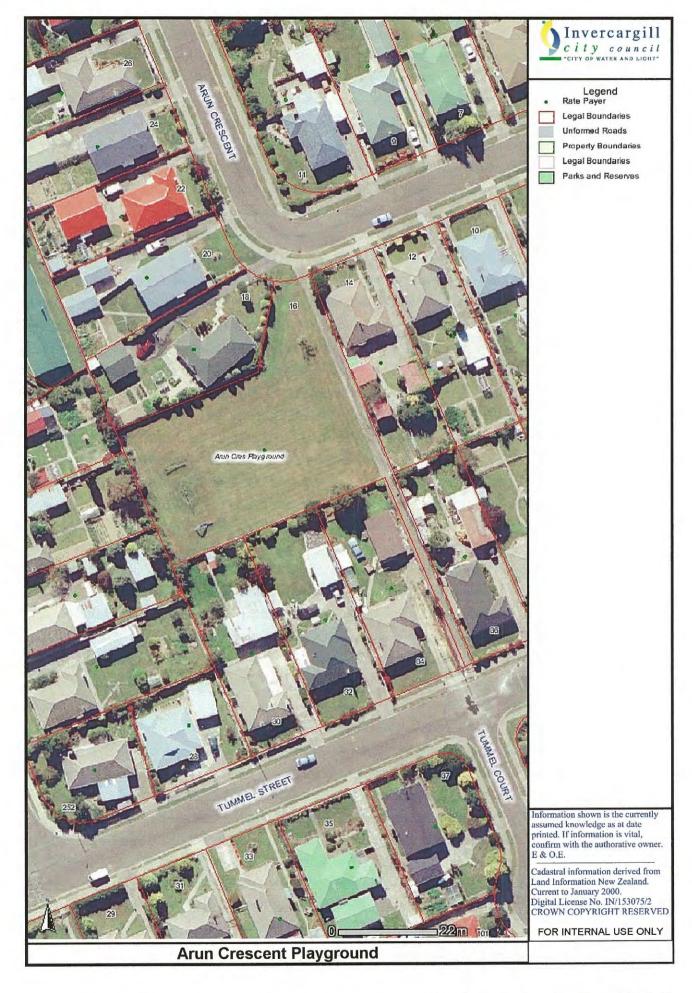


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ARUNDEL CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

Location

- 14 Arundel Crescent
- Legal Description Lot 23 DP 6173 (CT A1/1269)
- Area 2,729m2
- Asset Number PXR5

Description of Location

Arundel Crescent Playground is situated on the western side of Arundel Crescent, approximately halfway between John Street and Tramway Road.

Access.

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The playground has a frontage on to Arundel Crescent, with an access way from Kilmarnock Avenue.

History

On 6 May 1983 Arundel Crescent Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill Pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, as a Recreation Reserve. Development was carried out in the early-1970's with help from the Awarua Jaycees and the Tiwai Point Aluminium Smelter.

Description of Property

The park is on the outside corner of the street, with a small frontage extending out to the south. The playground equipment looks unattractive and the graffiti-marked mix and match fences do not help. There is a transformer on the northern side of the playground. There are some plantings in the corners of the park and a gravel path extends from the park frontage to a side walkway. The play equipment consists of:

- Merry-go-round
- Four seat sprung seesaw
- Double swing
- Balance beam

There is also a pole arrangement that is the remains of a tower and flying fox.

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is not growing and there tends to be a tendency for house removal rather than building work. Demand for the play area is unlikely to increase, with some reduction possible.

7. Future Development

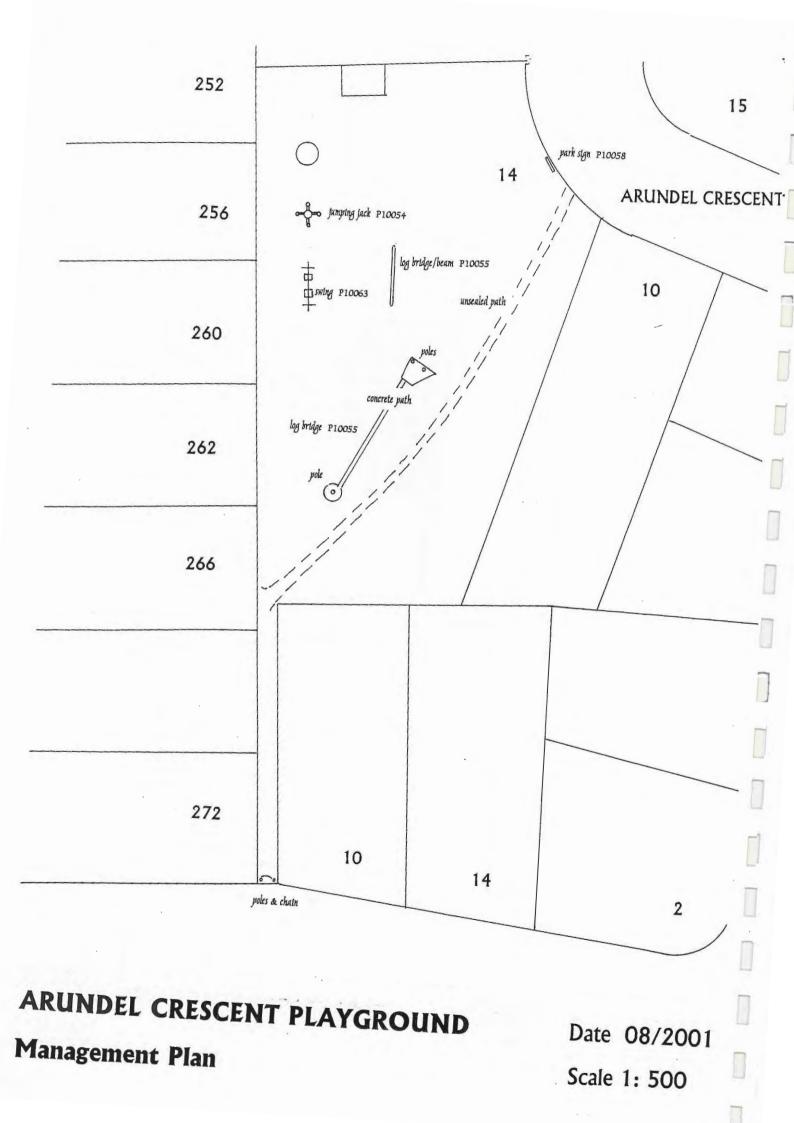
This park needs to be maintained for the community and this could be with a hard-wearing unique development. The existing pathway should be upgraded, including the walkway. Old signage, of no obvious use, could be removed and the pole structures (plus concrete) should also be removed if they are no longer going to be used. This park lends itself as suitable for some unique play equipment and development that will bring back a community pride.





Arundel Crescent Playground

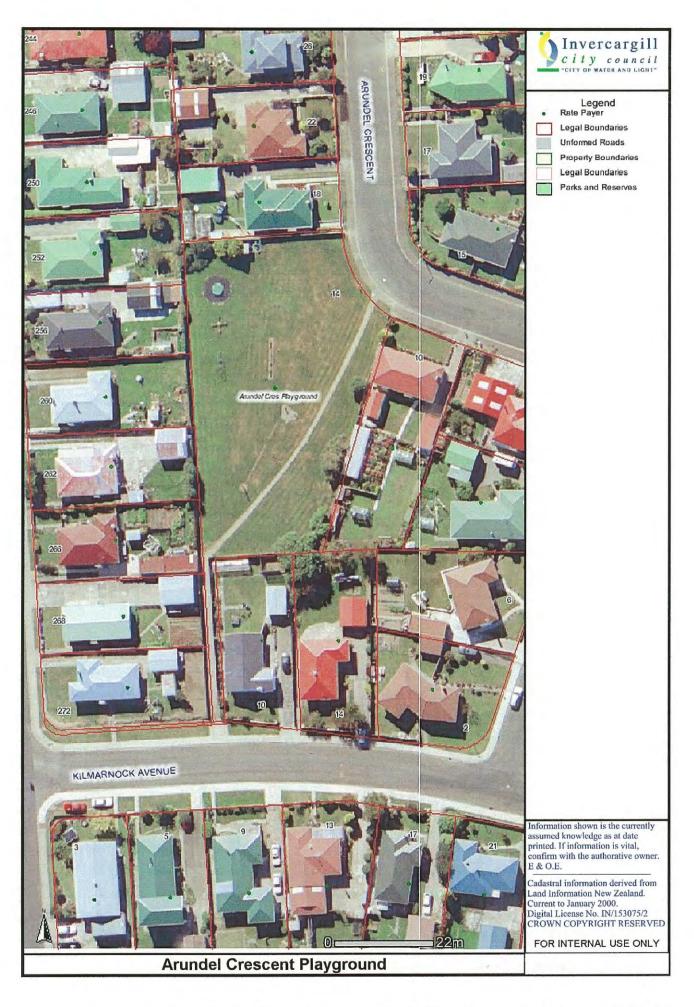








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ASCOT TERRACE PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 70 Ascot Terrace
- Legal Description Lot 20 DP 6417 (CT B2/873)
- Area 1,209m²
- Asset Number PXA7

2. Description of Location

Ascot Terrace Playground is situated on the north-east corner of Ascot Terrace and Dipton Street, approximately 100m on the eastern side of Elles Road.

3. Access

The playground has frontage on to Dipton Street and Ascot Terrace.

4. History

On 9 August 1965, Ascot Terrace Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 as a Recreation Reserve.

5. Description of Property

The playground is on the corner of Ascot Terrace and Dipton Street. There is a small amount of planting on the eastern side of the property, giving a very open appearance to the playground. The contours of the property also assist in this. The play equipment consists of:

- Slide
- Carriage Swing
- Swing
- Horse Boat

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is not growing; this is especially evident in the Dipton Street vicinity, and demand for play area is unlikely to increase, with some reduction possible.

7. Future Development

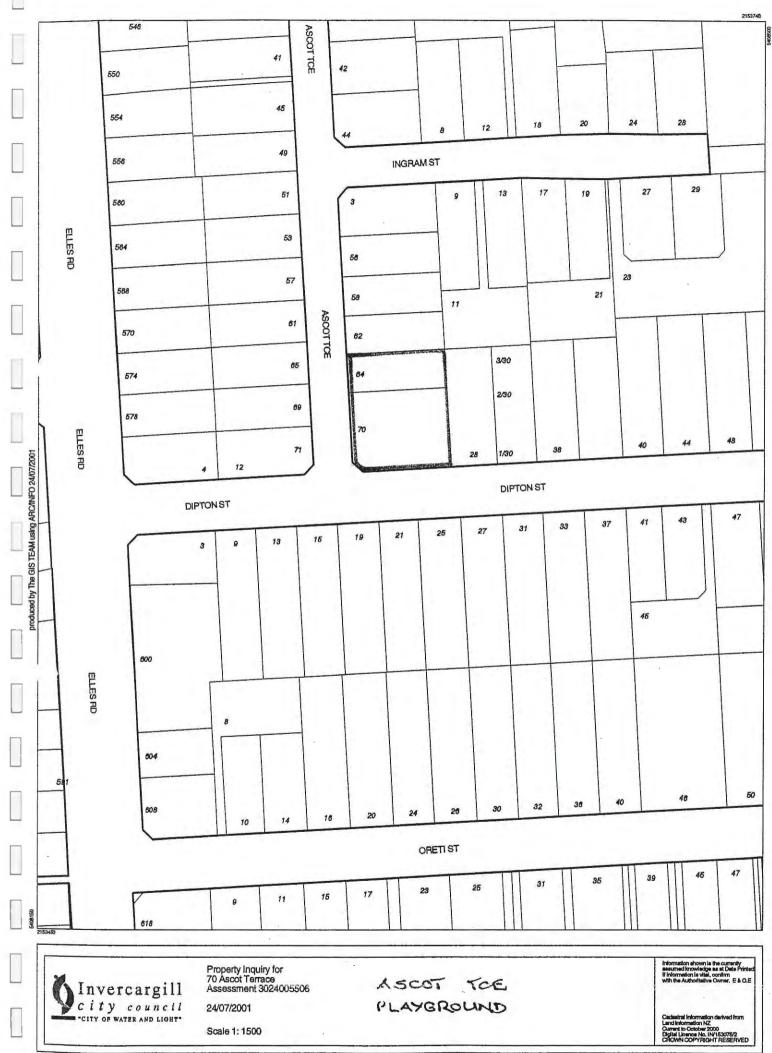
The park is vulnerable to damage – therefore, any development would need to cater for this. There is an adequate amount of play equipment but some small upgrading of the park could be of benefit. This could include a walkway through the centre and some plantings on the residential perimeter.

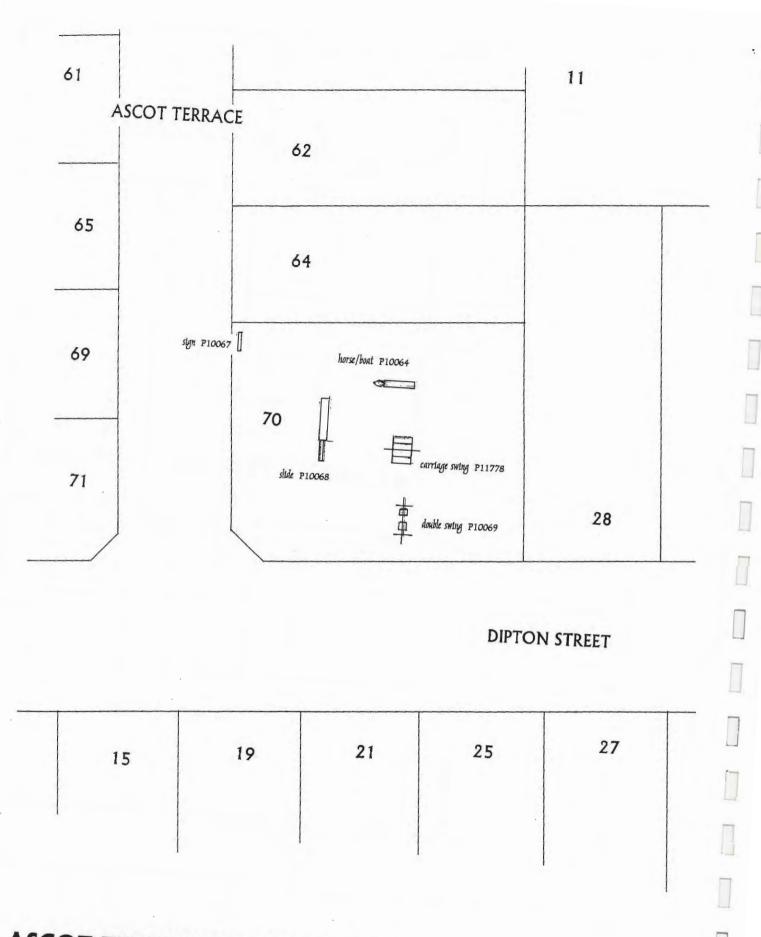
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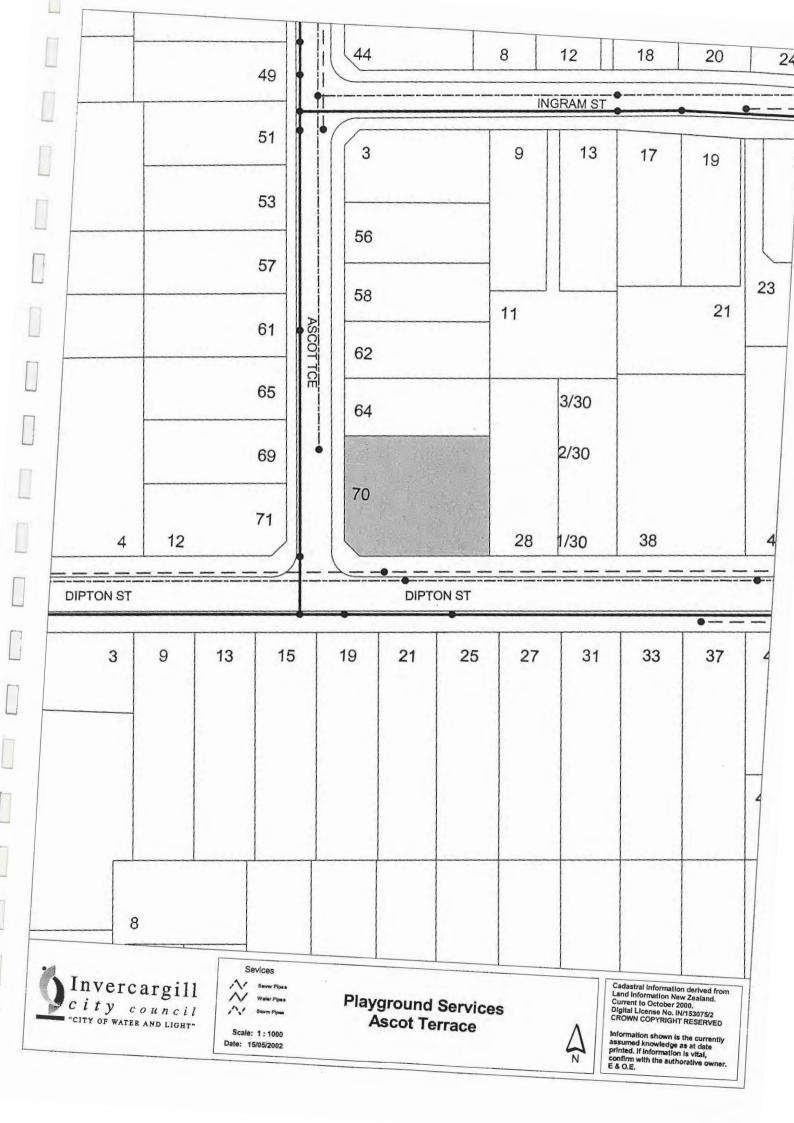


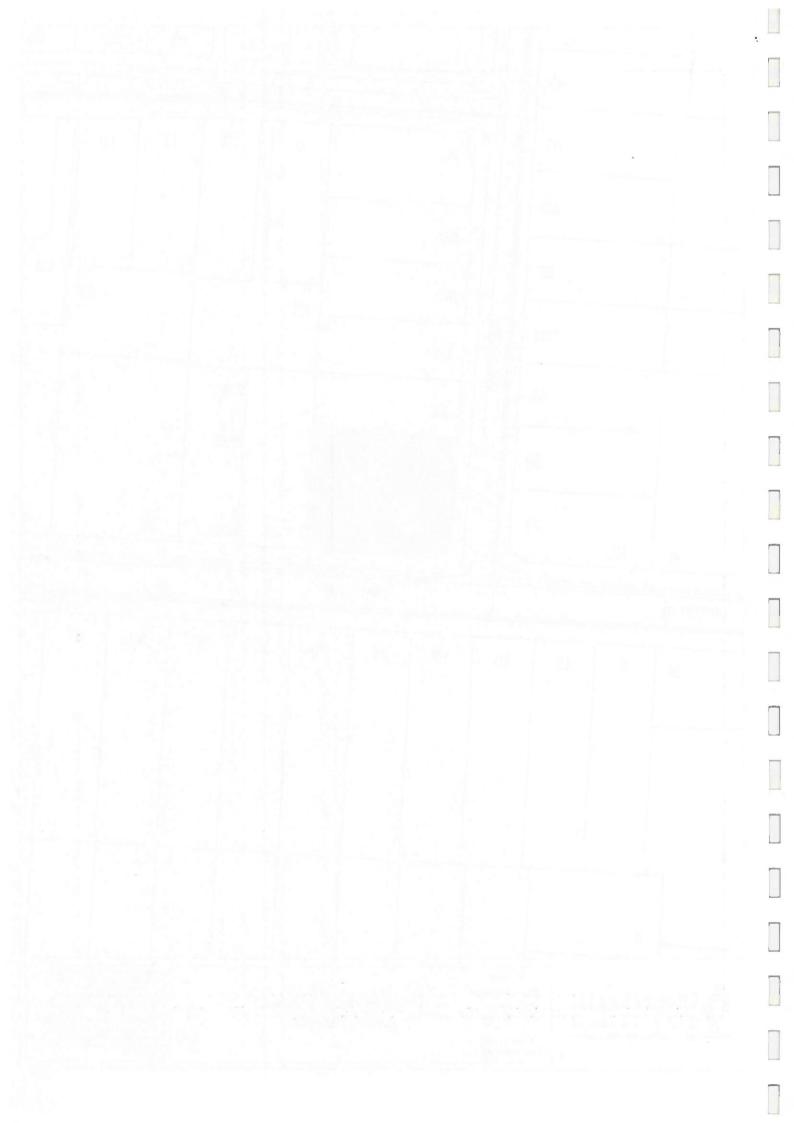
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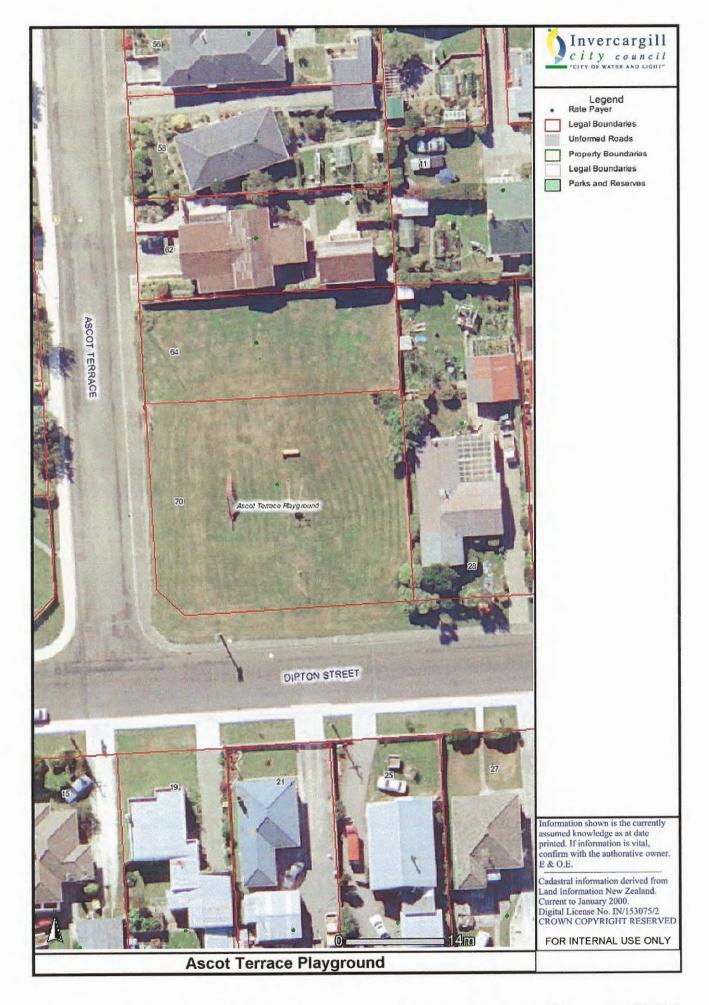
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BALL STREET RESERVE

1. Location

- 27 Ascot Terrace
- Legal Description Lot 35 DP 6406 and Lot 12 and Part 11 DP 6406 (CT's B2/624 and 5C1166)
- Area 0.7810 ha and 0.1589 ha (Total 0.9399 ha)
- Asset Number PXB2

2. Description of Location

Ball Street Reserve is situated in the south-east of Invercargill on the corner of Ball Street, Elles Road and Medway Street.

3. Access

Access to the playground is possible from the three streets surrounding the Ball Street Reserve that has street frontage on to all three.

4. History

The Reserve was obtained in two separate lots. The first was the larger area of Lot 35, which was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill on the 24 July 1965. It was vested as a Recreation Reserve, subject to the Reserve and Domains Act 1953. The second of the two areas (Lots 12 and Part Lot 11) were vested on the 15 December 1977, thus giving access from Ascot Terrace and Medway Street, from where the likely patronage would come.

As yet this reserve is undeveloped as a playground, but has been developed as a useful open space area for the district.

5. Description of Property

The park adjoins the Kingswell Stream which, as well as the surrounding area, is owned by Environment Southland. There is currently no play equipment on the park but substantial planting has been undertaken, which is now well developed and includes sizeable trees. The park provides a green area interlocking with its surroundings.

6. Surrounding Area

There are a number of green areas in the vicinity, which include the Kingswell Stream, its riparian zone and Kew Bush. The park provides a link between these areas. The hospital is also close by. The surrounding residential area is well established but no further development is occurring. It is predicted the demand on the area will not change and will instead be static.

7. Future Development

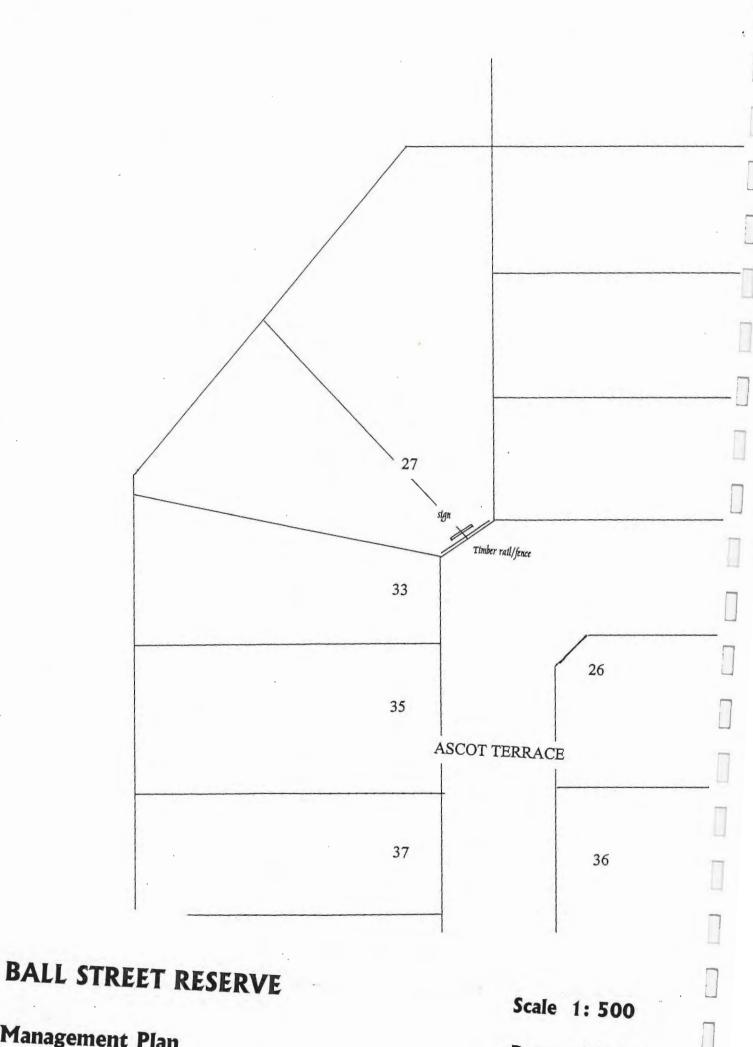
The park is attractive in its current form and there is little need to further enhance this area. There is no need for play equipment as this is provided close by at the Ascot Terrace Playground. Potential development could be to create a link between the park and the Kingswell Stream; this could include a contoured bank for easy access to the water. This would require consultation with Environment Southland as principal landowner.

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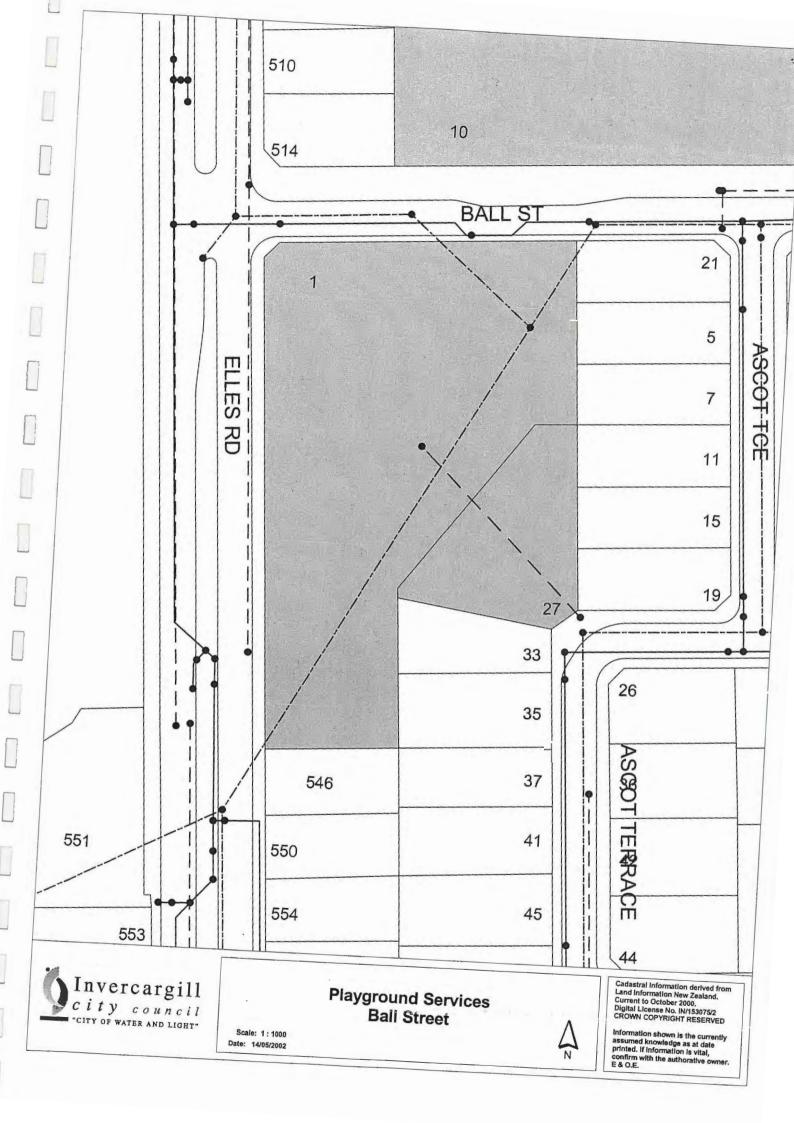
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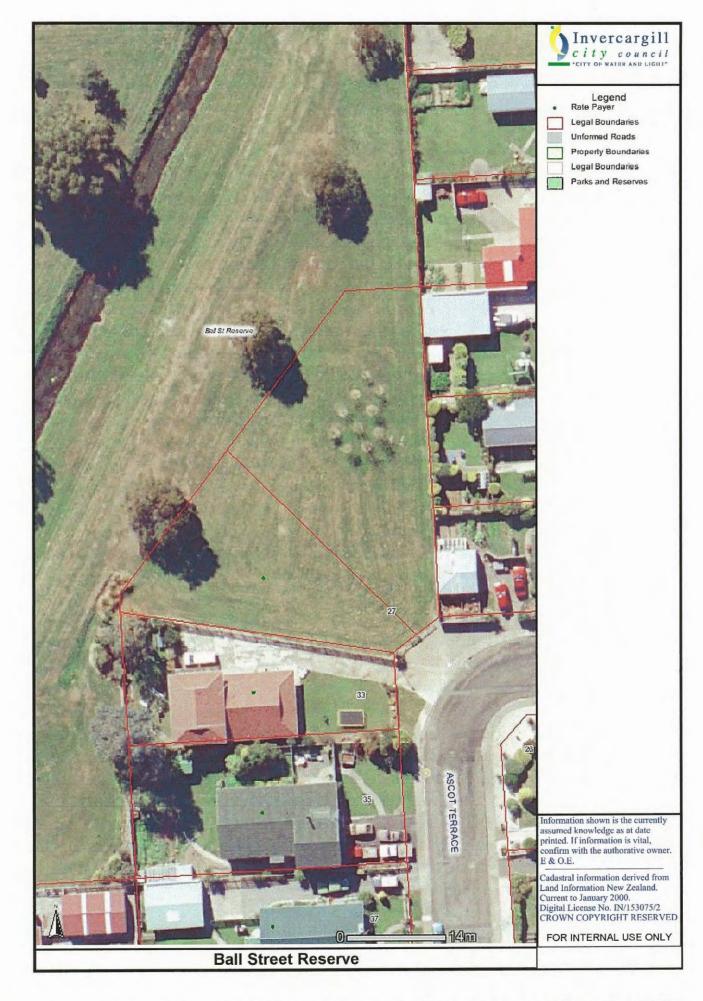
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BAXTER STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 34 Baxter Street
- Legal Description Lot 24 DP 9201 (CT 5A/1337)
- Area 0.1865 ha and 0.1844 ha (Total 0.3709 ha)
- Asset Number PXB3

2. Description of Location

Baxter Street Playground is situated in the north-west of Invercargill in the suburb of Grasmere. The playground is on the northern side of Baxter Street between Baxter Street and Paterson Street.

3. Access

The playground has frontage on to both Baxter and Paterson Streets.

4. History

Baxter Street playground is a relatively new reserve and was vested as two separate lots in the mid-1970's.

For the first few years the reserve was largely left to its own devices, but in the winter of 1978 it was finally developed as a children's playground area. Today it serves as a link between Paterson and Baxter Streets, with some children also using it as a route to the school alongside the reserve.

5. Description of Property

This is a large playground with a more unique shape and double access. The visibility is good and a gravel path runs through the park between the two frontages. There are no plantings on the park but the perimeter is well fenced. The play equipment consists of:

- Slide
- Merry-go-round
- Seesaw
- T-bar tyre swing
- Carriage swing

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The park is on the rural fringe of the city and the residential area is also well developed. There is a school close by. There appears to be little housing development occurring in the area and it is therefore likely demand will remain static.

7. Future Development

The gravel path should be upgraded and plantings established.

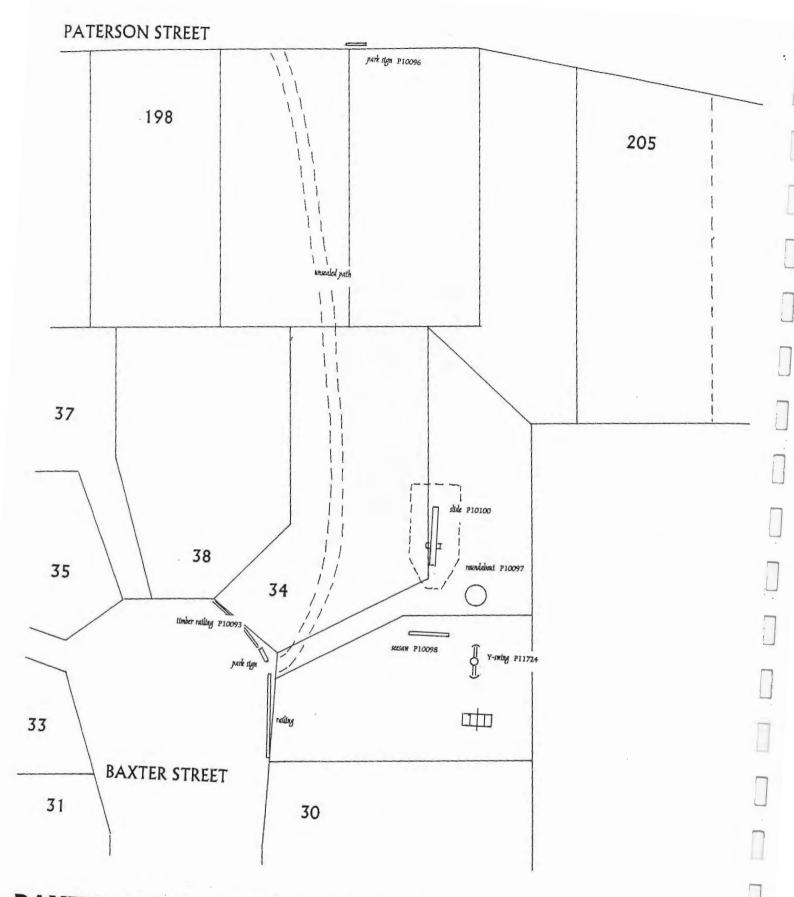
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CENTRE STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 321 Centre Street
- Legal Description Section 130 Block 1 (CT B4/1460)
- Area 0.0888 ha
- Asset Number PXC3

2. Description of Location

The Centre Street Playground is located on the southern side of Centre Street, between Regent and Rannoch Streets, in the eastern suburb of Newfield.

3. Access

The playground has street frontage on to Centre Street only.

4. History

This reserve was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Invercargill City Council on 7 December 1970. Previous to its reserves designation, the area was to have been part of a road off Centre Street, but in May 1970 the Invercargill Licensing Trust wrote to the Council, suggesting that this area be declared a reserve for the purpose of recreation. In July 1970 the Council agreed to the Licensing Trust's suggestion, accepting also their offer to help pay for play equipment. Later in 1970, development was commenced, providing the children of the area with new play equipment of a kind that was quite new to Invercargill at the time.

5. Description of Property

The park is small but contains a large amount of play equipment and is well planted out. There is a curved cobbled pathway running through the park to the access at the rear of the park on the southern boundary. The play equipment consists of:

- Large merry-go-round
- Small merry-go-round
- Two curved climbing frames
- Giraffe swing
- Seesaw (sprung)
- Rocket climbing frame

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is characterised by the significant road, being Centre Street, and the local school and tavern. The residential part of the area is static, with housing varying from well maintained to some being in a poorer condition. There is little development occurring in the area.

Future Development

The park does not require further development and usual maintenance keeping the park to its current standard is more than adequate for the needs of the community.

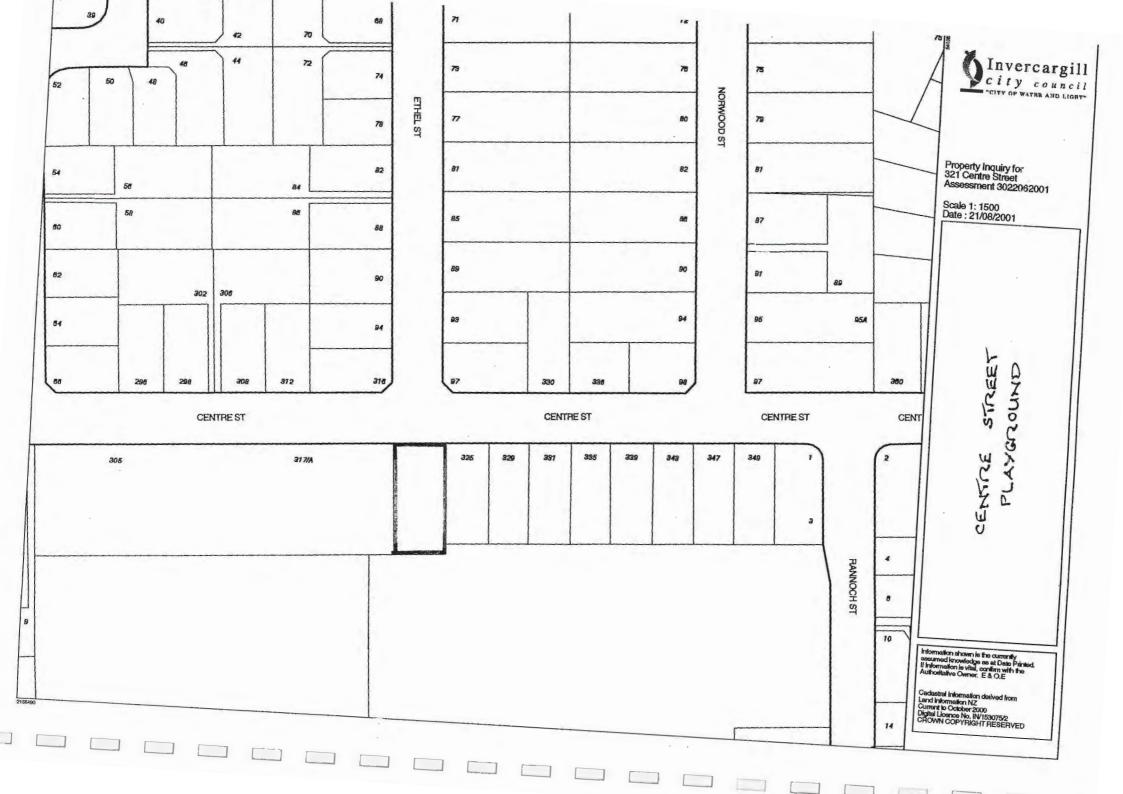
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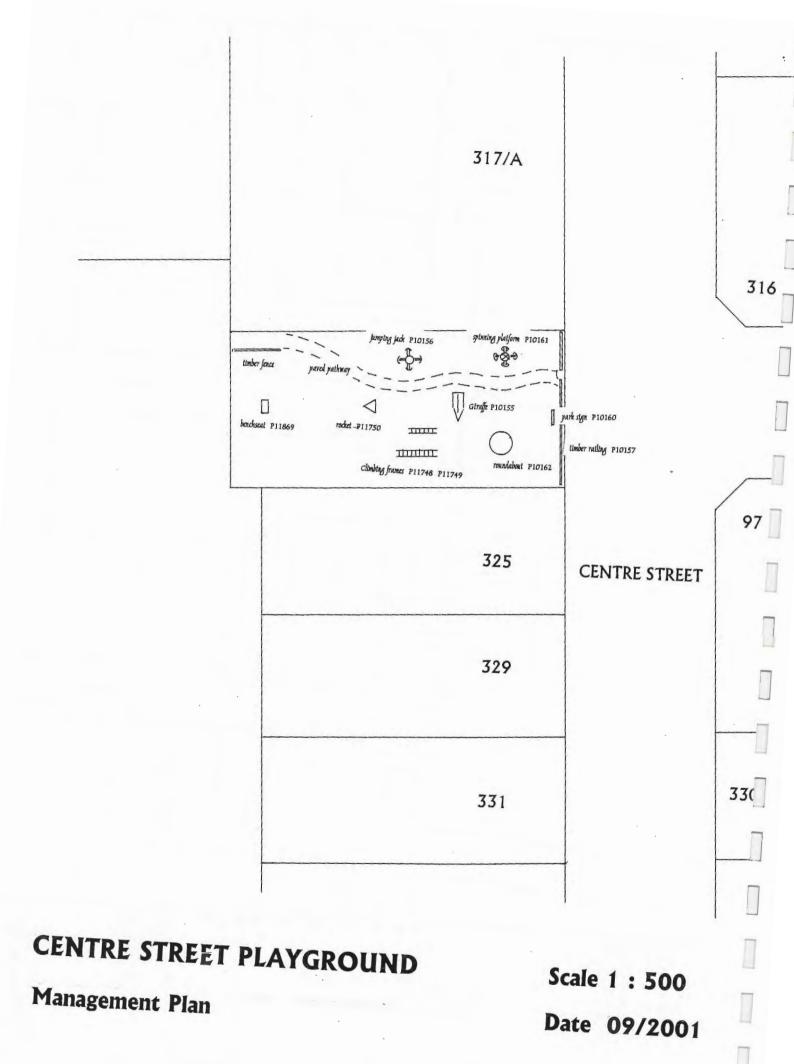
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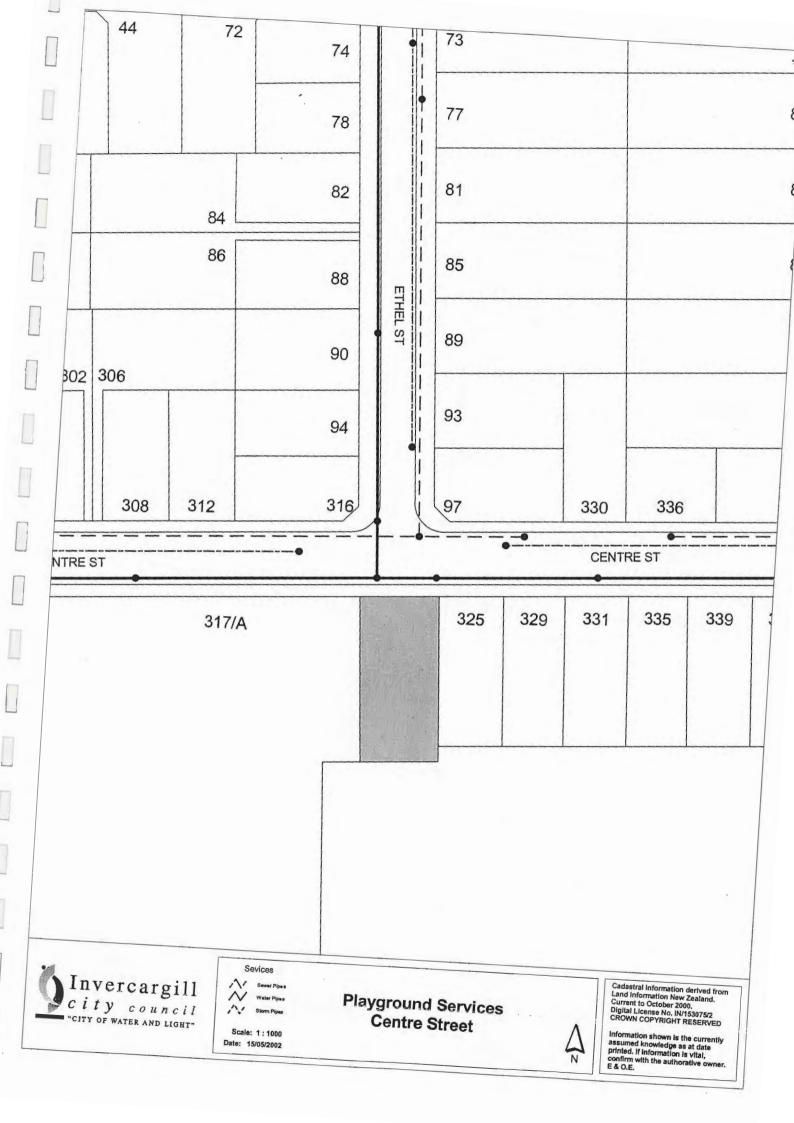


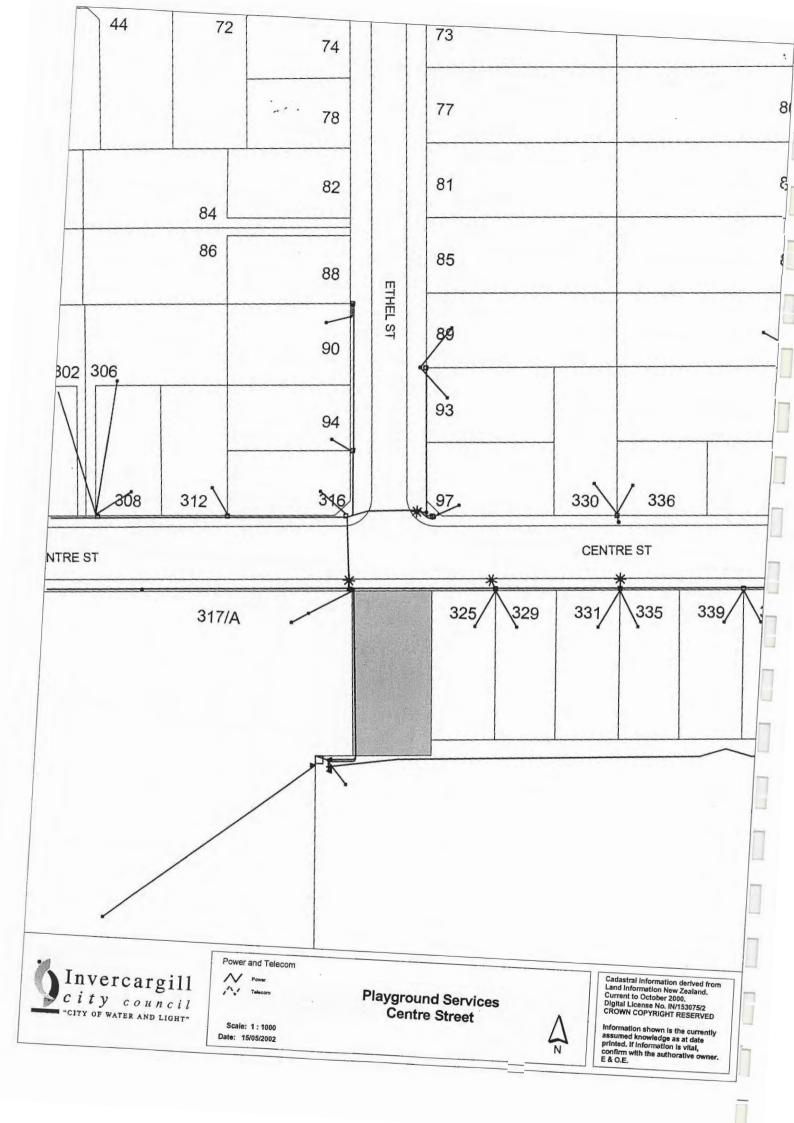


Centre Street Playground

















CHELMSFORD STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 270 Chelmsford Street
- Legal Description Pt Lot 18 DP 1187 (CT 1A/535)
- Area 3698m²
- Asset Number PXC4

2. Description of Location

Chelmsford Street Playground is situated in north-east Invercargill in the area bounded by Chelmsford and Helmsdale Streets. Racecourse Road is approximately 200m to the north.

3. Access

There is good access with frontages on to both Chelmsford Street and Helmsdale Street.

4. History

The land was originally owned by James Stewart Gregory of Invercargill. On 27 August 1956 the land was transferred from Charles Lake Emerson to the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Invercargill. On 28 January 1958 the land was withdrawn for public reserve use. On 13 October 1961 the area in question had 349m2 revoked.

5. Description of Property

The park is a large open double-ended park with high visibility. There is a large old tree on the park (horizontal elm), which provides interest to the park and there is extensive planting on the eastern boundary. The play equipment on the park consists of:

- Slide
- Small double swing
- Horse Boat
- Seesaw
- Large double swing

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

The park is currently visually appealing and little further enhancement is required. The reinstatement of the gravel pathway running parallel with the eastern boundary, together with a bench seat, would assist to create more of a community area rather than a playground.

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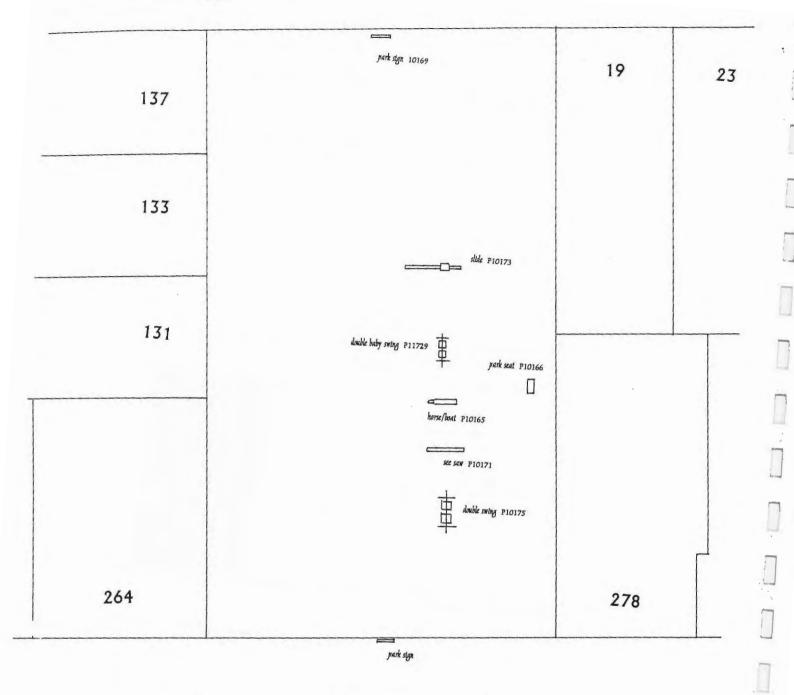


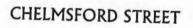
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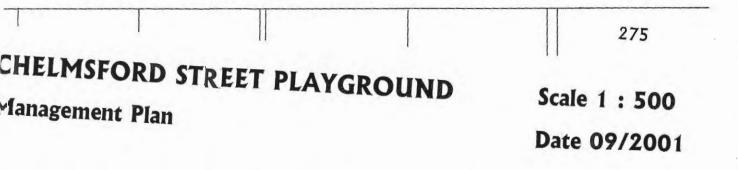


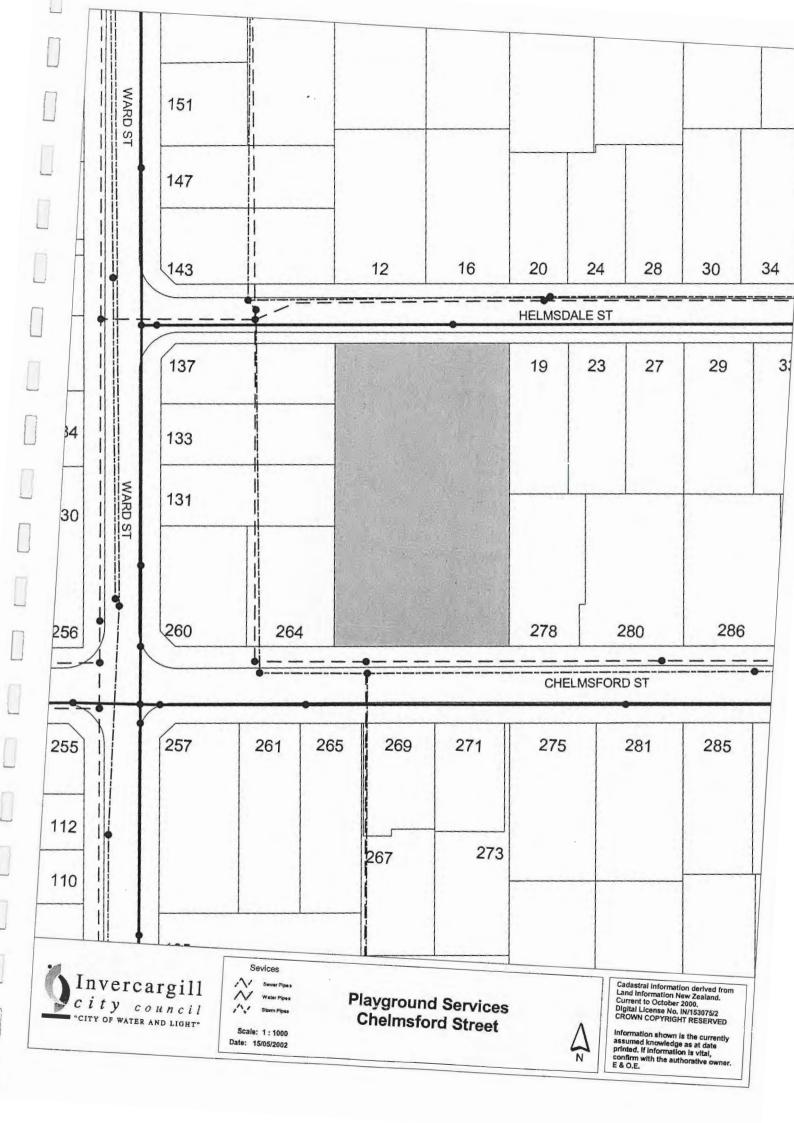
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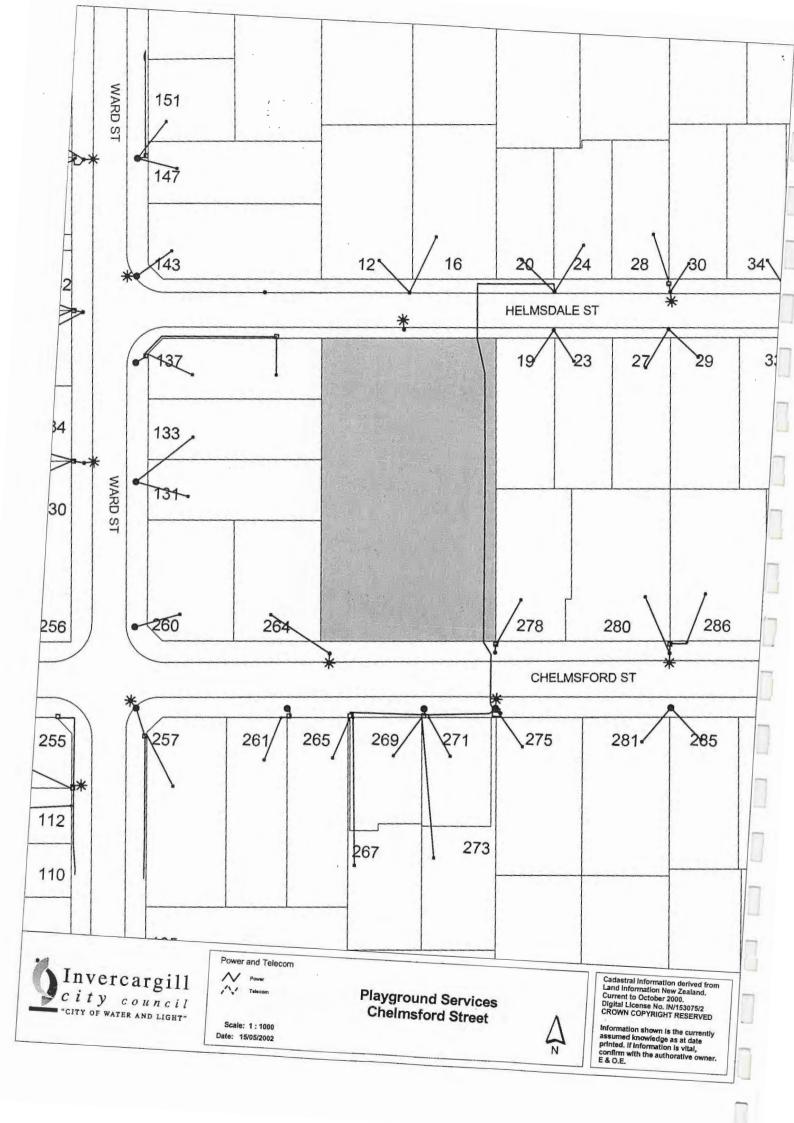




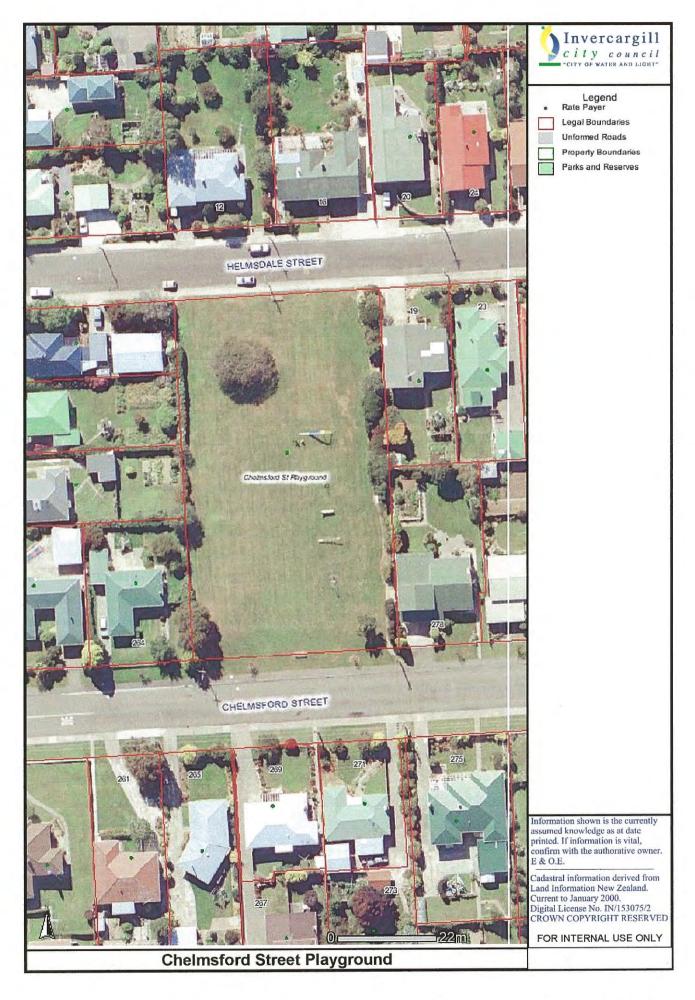




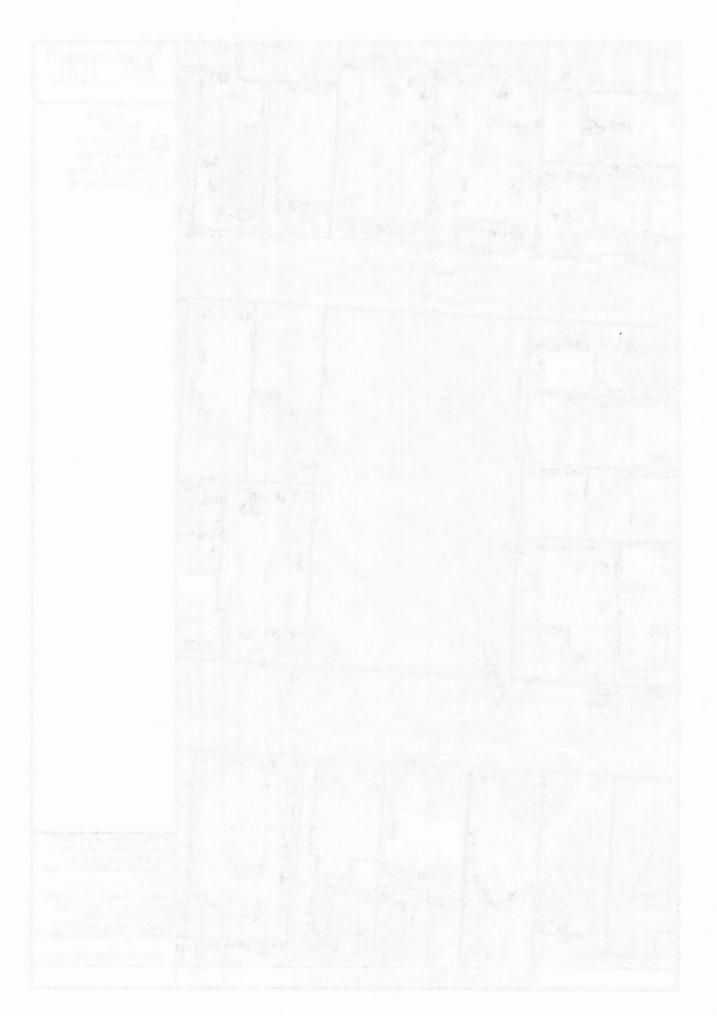




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CHESNEY STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

47 Chesney Street and 45 Chesney Place Legal Description - Lot 10 DP 7995 (CT 1A/1047) and Lot 11 DP 7995 (CT 1A/1048) Area - 625m² and 632m² (Total - 1,257m²) Asset Number - PC10

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2. Description of Location

Chesney Street Playground is situated at the corner of Chesney Street and Chesney Place, approximately 100m south of Tramway Road.

3. Access

The playground has frontage on to Chesney Street and Chesney Place.

4. History

On 17 March 1972 Chesney Street Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill as a recreation reserve. The Reserve remained undeveloped for a number of years until a petition was received from local residents, demonstrating the need for a playground, and some time after that work was begun on its development.

5. Description of Property

The park is highly visible on the corner of Chesney Street and Chesney Place. There is very little planting on the park and a low barrier has been erected around the street boundaries. The play equipment consists of:

- Horse Boat
- Slide
- Tyre Swing
- Carriage Swing
- Seesaw

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The park is located on the urban rural fringe of the city, with Chesney Street changing in character close by to the south. Housing in the area is of a reasonable standard but no further development is currently occurring and some house removal taking place. Demand on the park is unlikely to increase.

7. Future Development

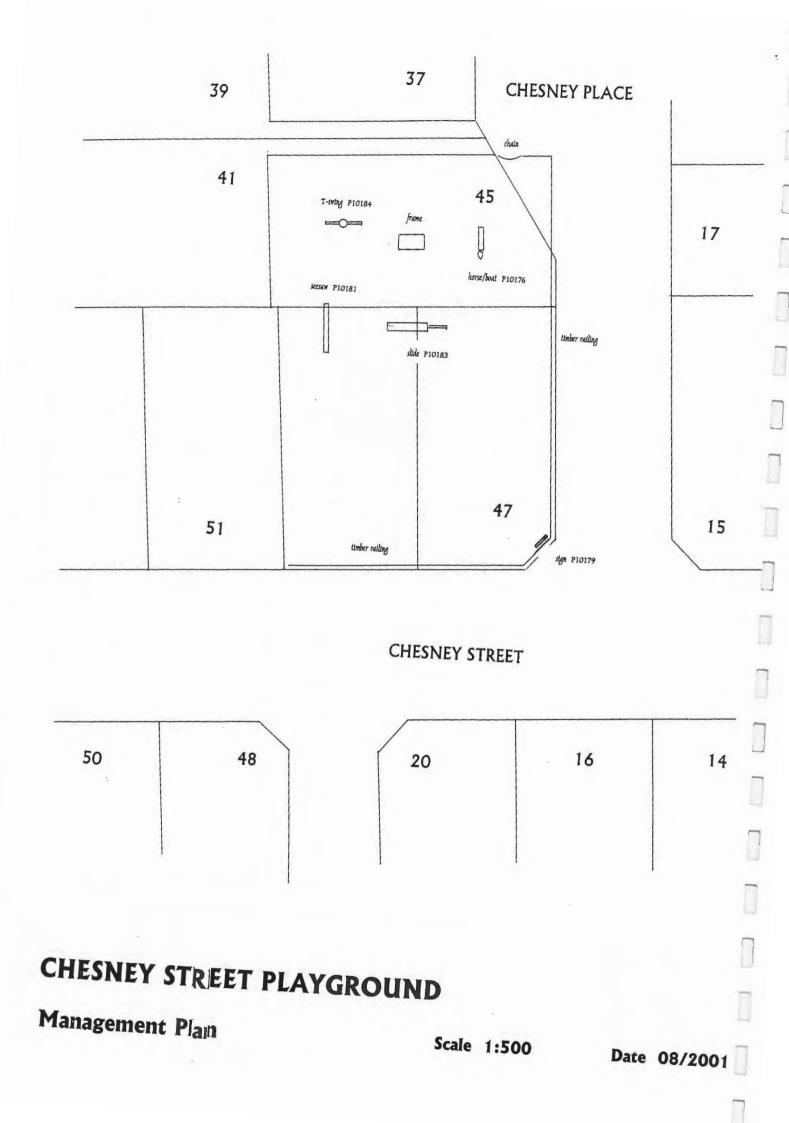
The prominent and open nature of this park assists in any development and should not be lost. Attractive plantings should be included and a walkway running across the park for easier access would be beneficial. The area between the park barrier and the footpaths on the streets should be cleaned up with either asphalt or grass. The play equipment appears popular and could be further enhanced over time.

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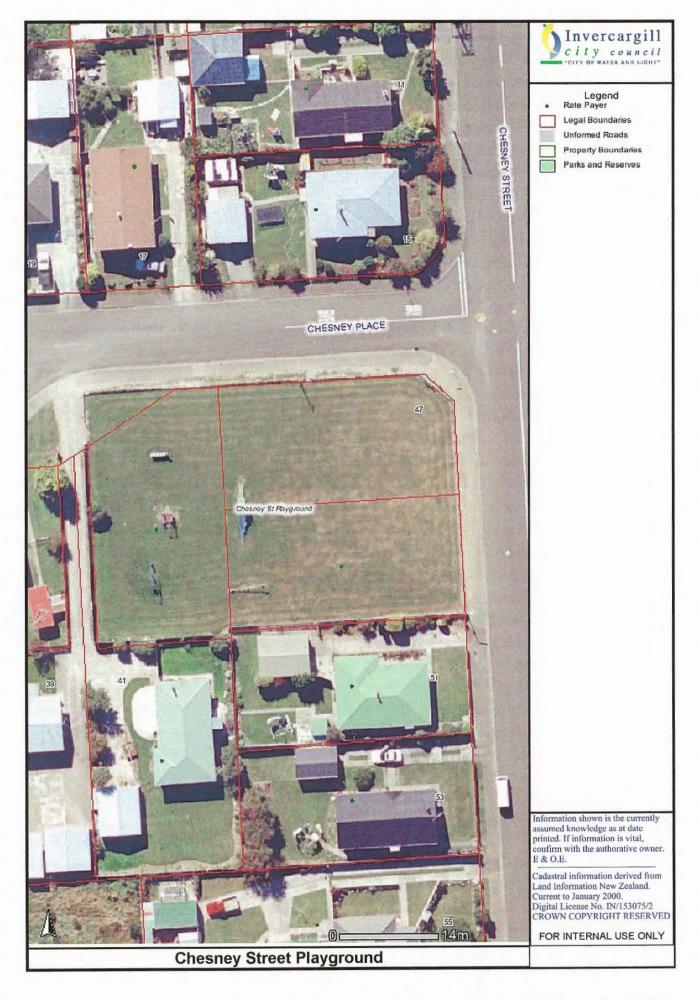








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CONWAY CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 83 Conway Crescent
- Legal Description Lot 45 DP 6001 and Lot 7 DP 6996 (CT's 106/175 and 2/356)
- Area 0.0789 ha and 0.2686 ha (Total 0.3475 ha)
- Asset number PXC6

2. Description of Location

The Conway Crescent Playground is situated in two back sections bounded by Conway Crescent, Carnarvon, Trent and Yarrow Streets, in the northeastern suburb of Glengarry.

3. Access

Access to the Conway Crescent Playground is from two rights-of-way - one off Conway Crescent itself and the other off Carnarvon Court. There is no street frontage on to the reserve.

4. History

The Conway Crescent Reserve was acquired in two lots under the Municipal Corporations Act 1954. Lot 45 was obtained in 1969 and Lot 7 was obtained as Reserve Contribution in 1967.

The Reserve was developed during the early-1970's by way of a grant held by the Lands and Survey Department in a revoked reserves account and obtained from the sale of a block of land on Racecourse Road.

5. Description of Property

The property is of significant size (approximately 3,500 square metres) and has two access points. One is a driveway which doubles as access to an electricity transformer and the second is a grass walkway. There is no signage indicating the existence of the playground. The playground equipment consists of:

- Horse Boat
- Swings
- Seesaw
- Slide

The equipment is of reasonable appearance, with some being repainted in recent times.

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

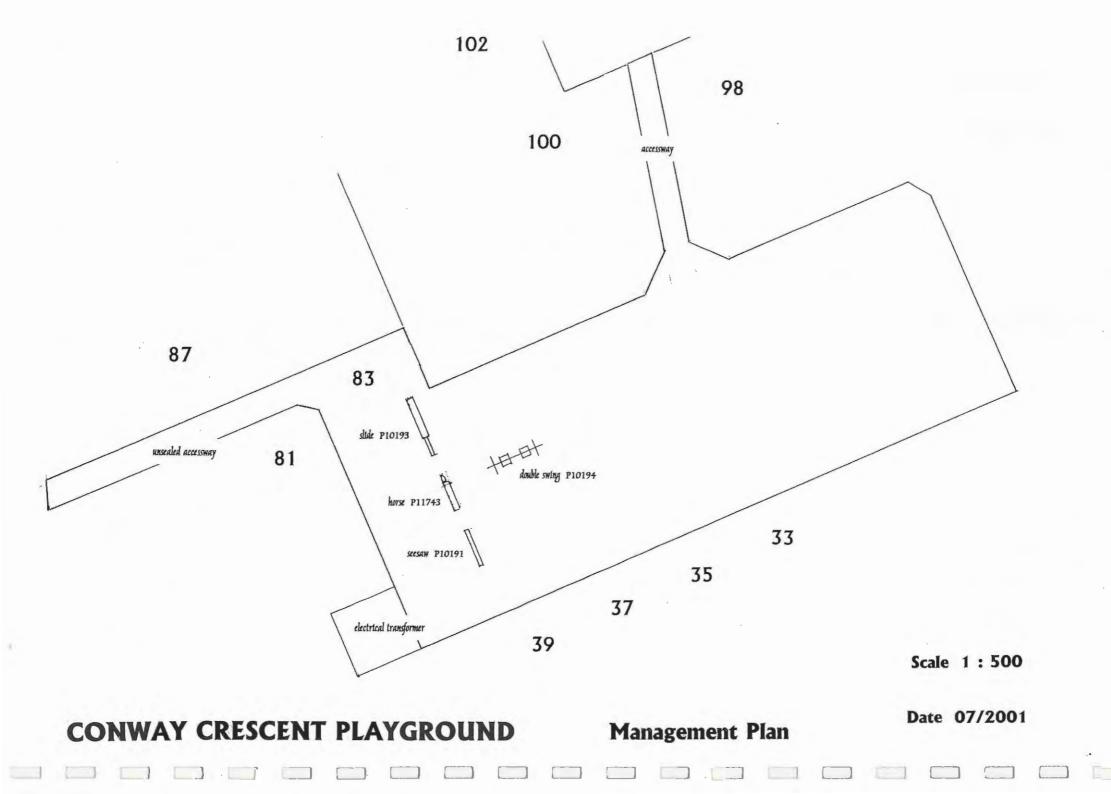
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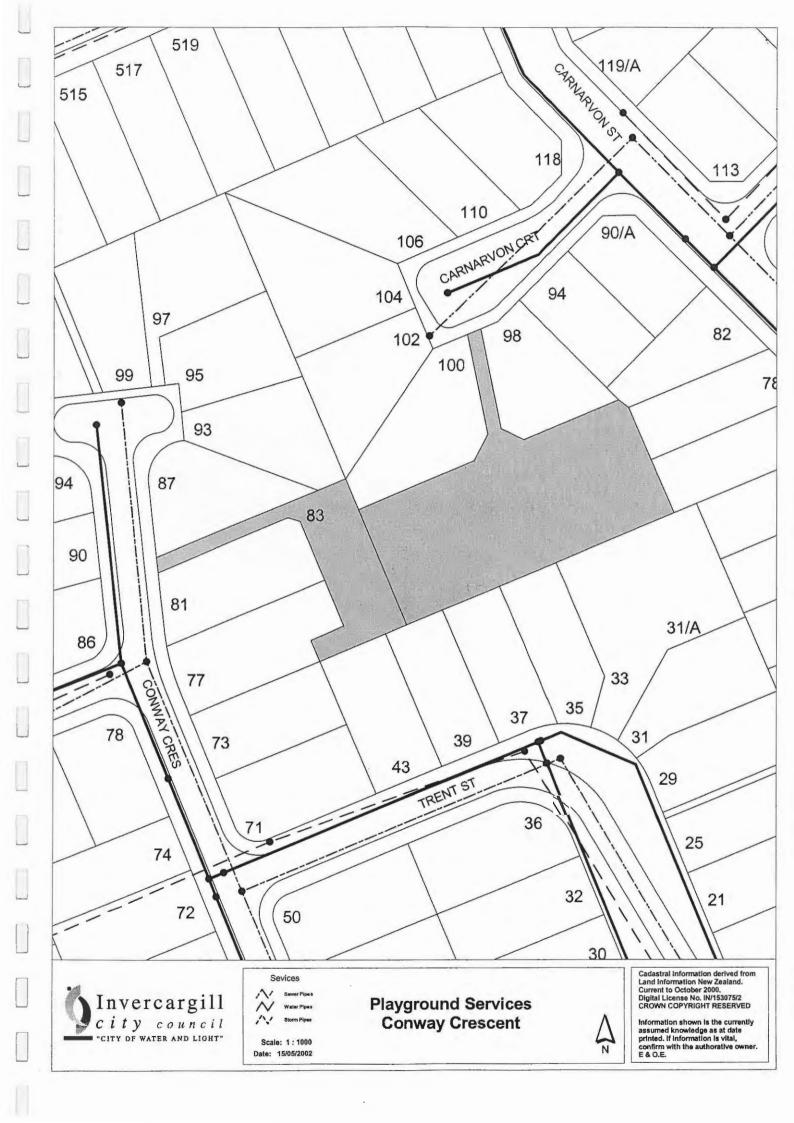
This park is hidden, with only driveway size access at two points. This park does not lend itself to development and is of little benefit to the community. As play equipment becomes due for replacement, it should be removed and the site will eventually become a green area. Some plantings may be useful to reduce the amount of mowing required. If a property or properties become available in the local area, consideration should be given to its development

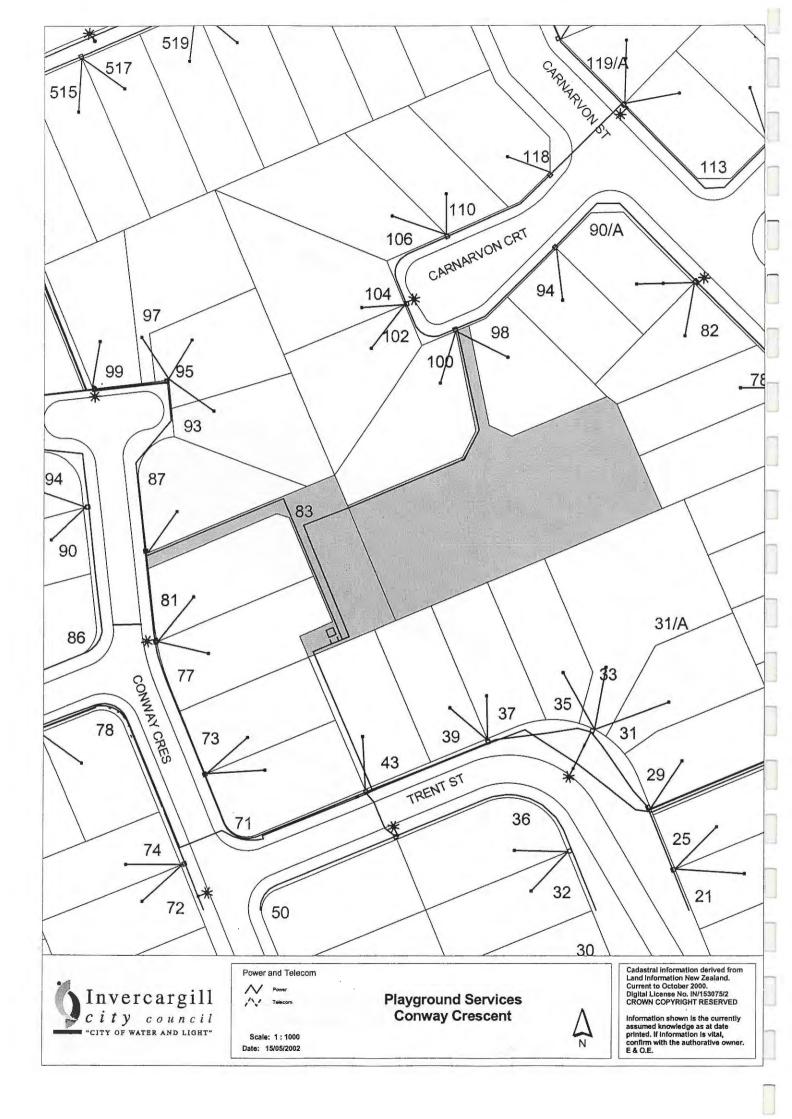


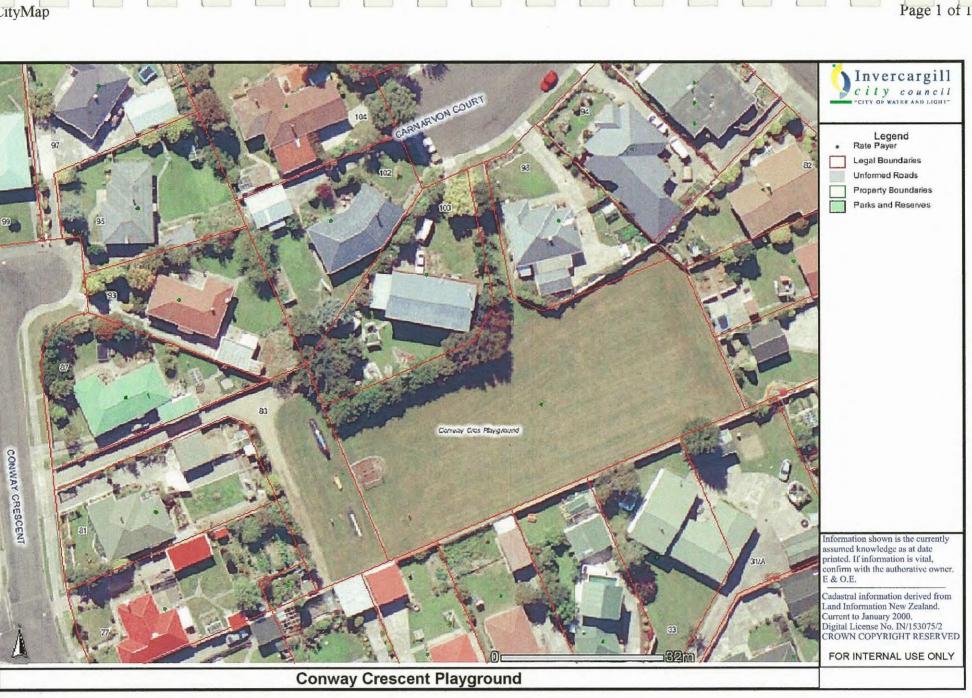
Conway Crescent Playground













CRAWFORD STREET RESERVE

1. Location

- 151 Crawford Street
- Legal Description Lot 114 DP 5194, Lot 114a DP 5194 (CT A1/469)
- Area 1,849m²
- Asset Number PXC7

2. Description of Location

The Crawford Street Reserve is situated between Crawford Street and Adamson Crescent, approximately 100m south of St Andrew Street.

3. Access

The reserve has frontage on to Crawford Street and Adamson Crescent.

History

On 23 July 1962 the Crawford Street Reserve was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill pursuant to the Reserve and Domains Act 1953 for recreation purposes. It was developed in the mid-1960's and now serves as an important recreation area for Crawford Street.

5. Description of Property

This is a long thin park with a double frontage. There is god visibility at the northern end of the park. There is also a transformer approximately halfway down the western boundary. There is no low barrier at the main frontage and an asphalt pathway runs between the two frontages. The play equipment appears well used and consists of:

- Double swing
- Horse Boat
- Seesaw

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers in the area. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

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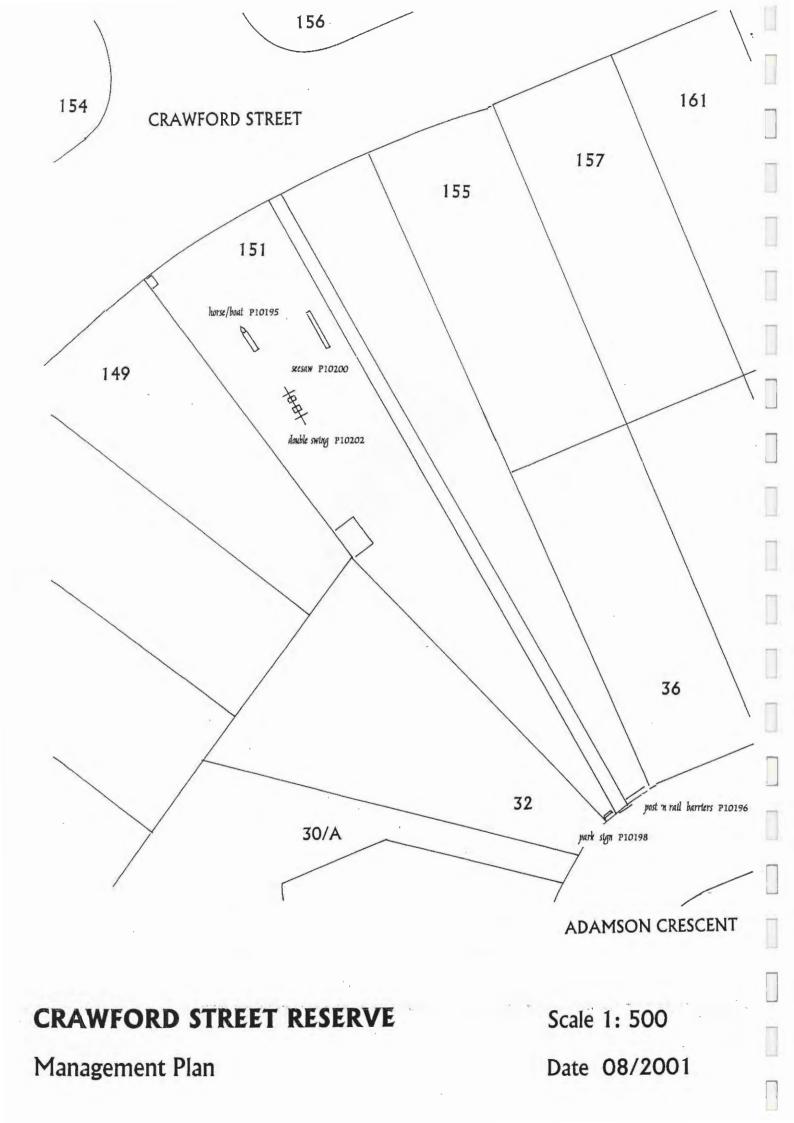
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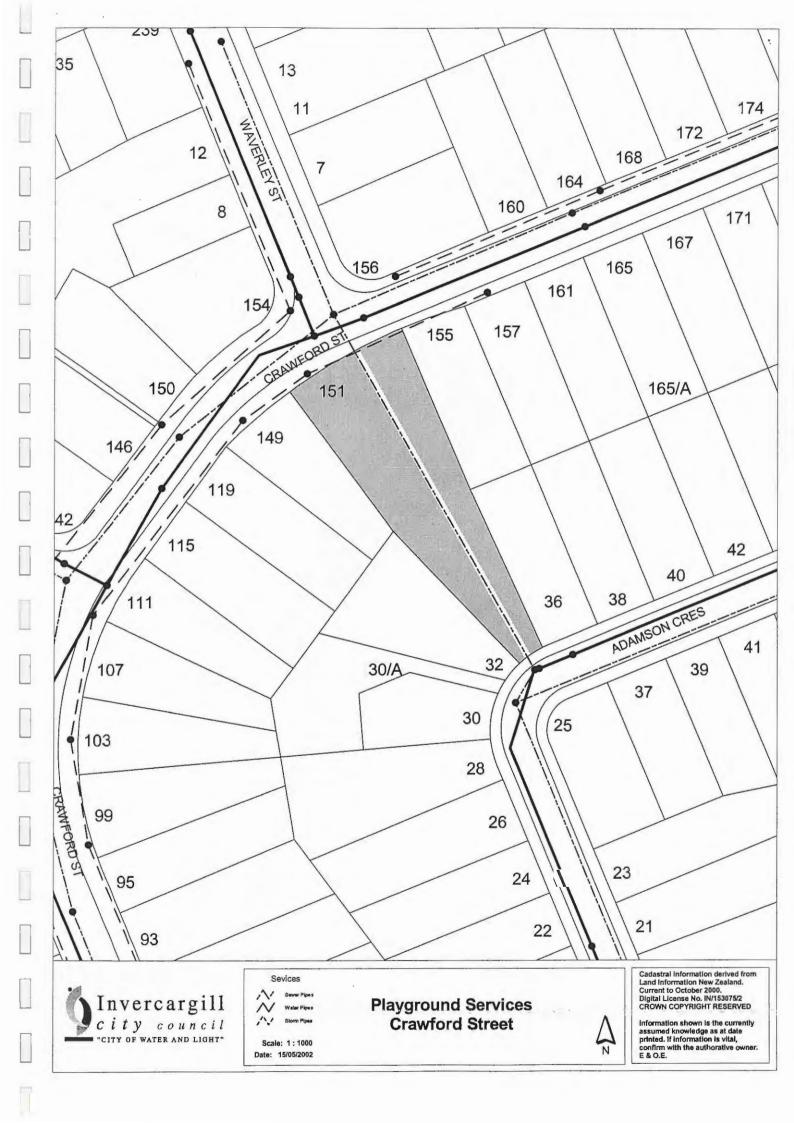
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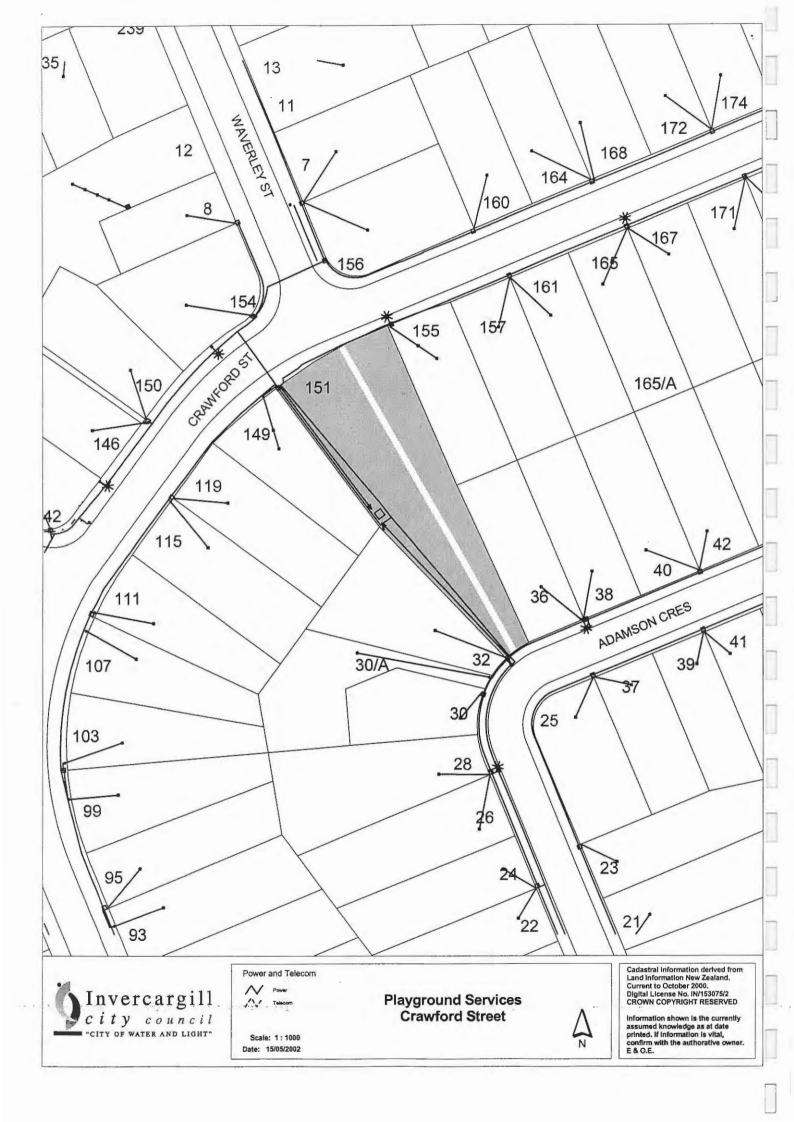


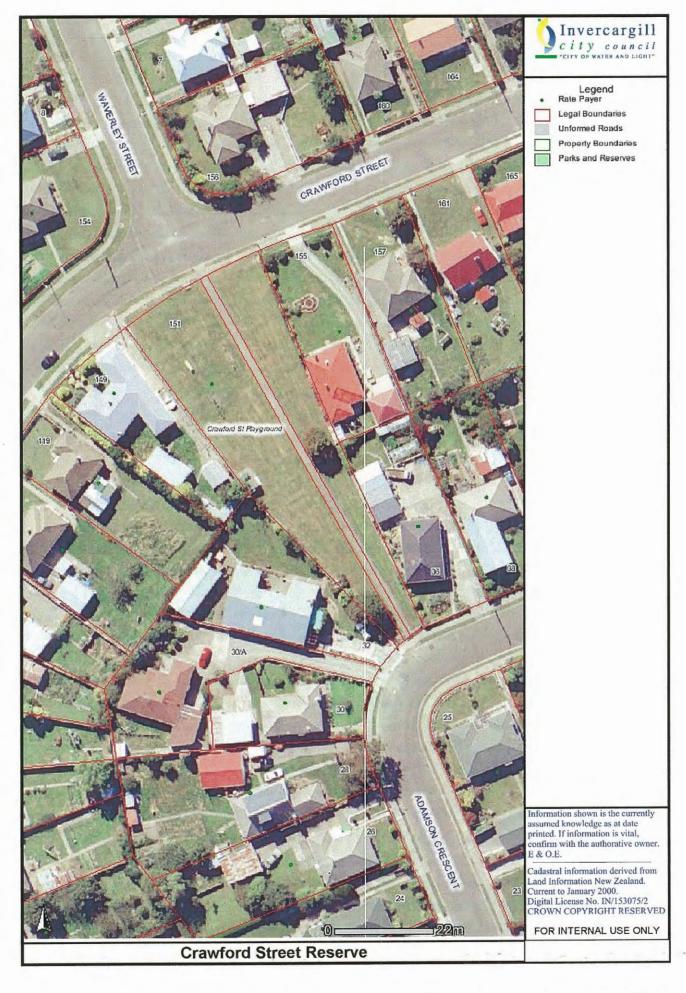
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CRUICKSHANK CRESCENT RESERVE

1. Location

- 0 Cruickshank Crescent
- Legal Description Lot 63 DP 5864 (CT 155/214)
- Area 2,926m²
- Asset Number PXC8

2. Description of Location

Cruickshank Crescent Reserve is situated in the centre of Cruickshank Crescent, which is between Moana Street and Terrace Street in Rosedale.

3. Access

Cruickshank Crescent encircles the reserve, giving all-round frontage. Pedestrian access is from any direction.

4. History

On 15 December 1960 what is now known as Cruickshank Crescent was purchased from William Robert Reginald Cruickshank for reserve purposes. When the area was subdivided, it was the desire of the subdividers that it be as attractive as possible – consequently, the idea of a central green was put forward in the subdivision plans and accepted by the City Council. It is believed that the reserve and surrounding street covers approximately the area where Mr Cruickshank had a horse-training track.

Cruickshank Crescent Reserve is vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Invercargill as a recreation reserve.

5. Description of Property

The property is primarily grassed, with four areas of plantings on the perimeter. The reserve appears to have had little use and would currently provide aesthetic appeal more than anything else.

6. Description of Surrounding Area

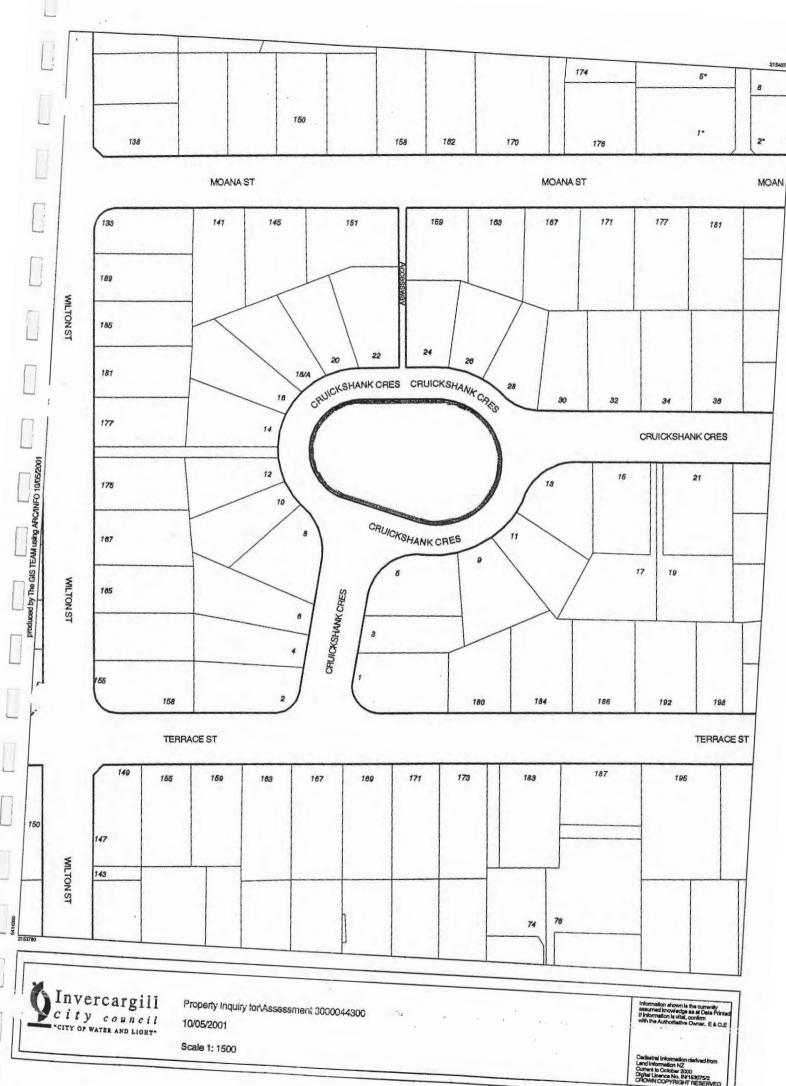
The reserve is located in a residential area with little opportunity for future growth due to unavailability of suitable property. The area and housing is well maintained. It is likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

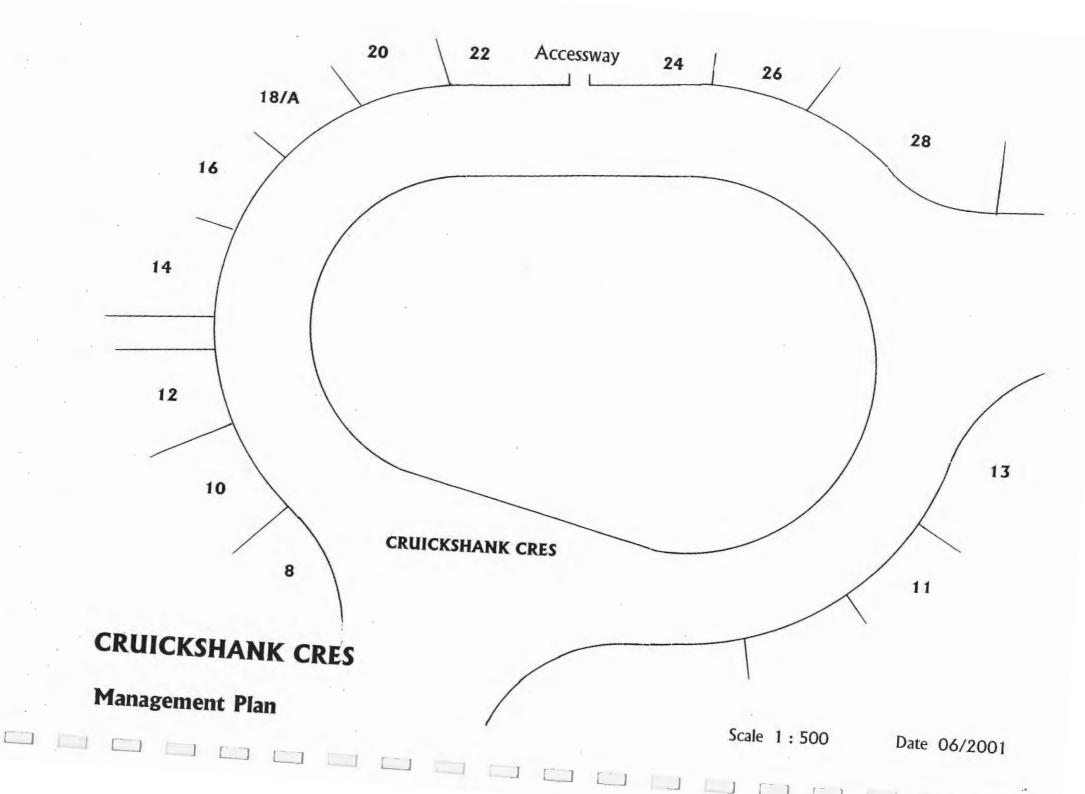
The reserve was created with the purpose of being a central green. This should be promoted and enhanced to become a community' area rather than a playground. There are adequate playgrounds in close proximity. A pathway through the reserve and a feature or sculpture, together with some seating, would enhance the area. The plantings on the reserve could be reshaped or changed, with appropriate trees planted.

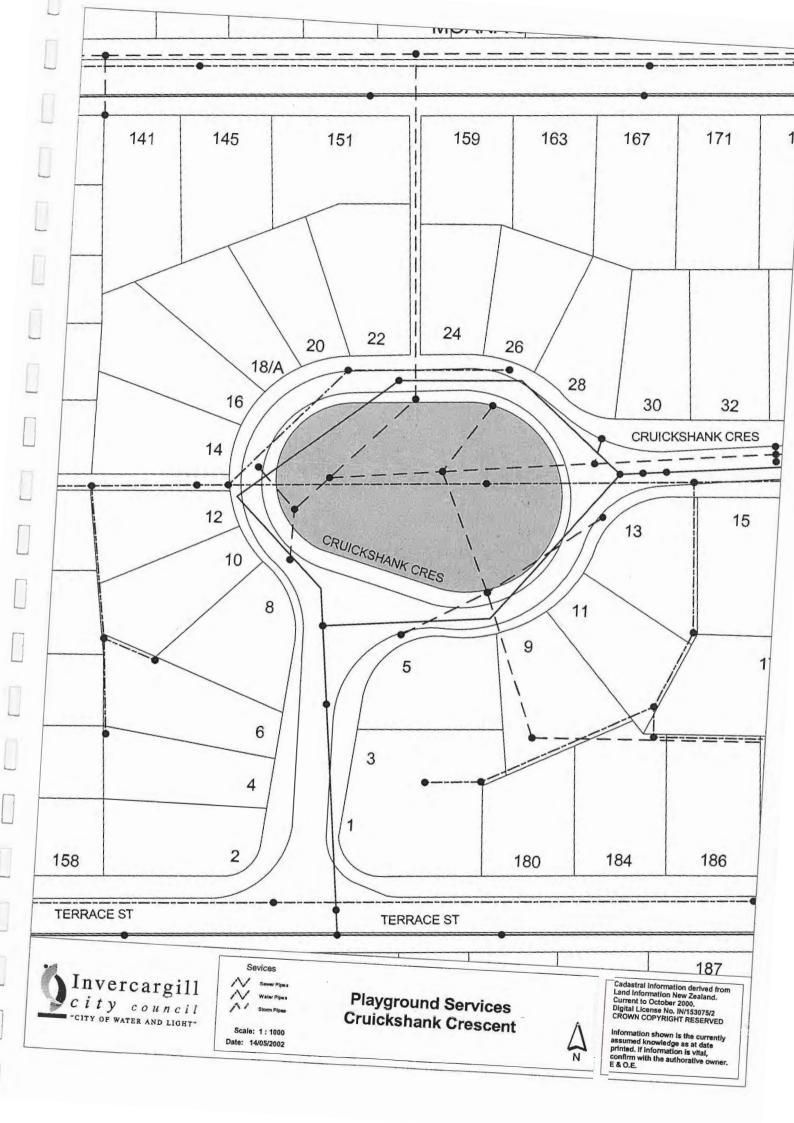


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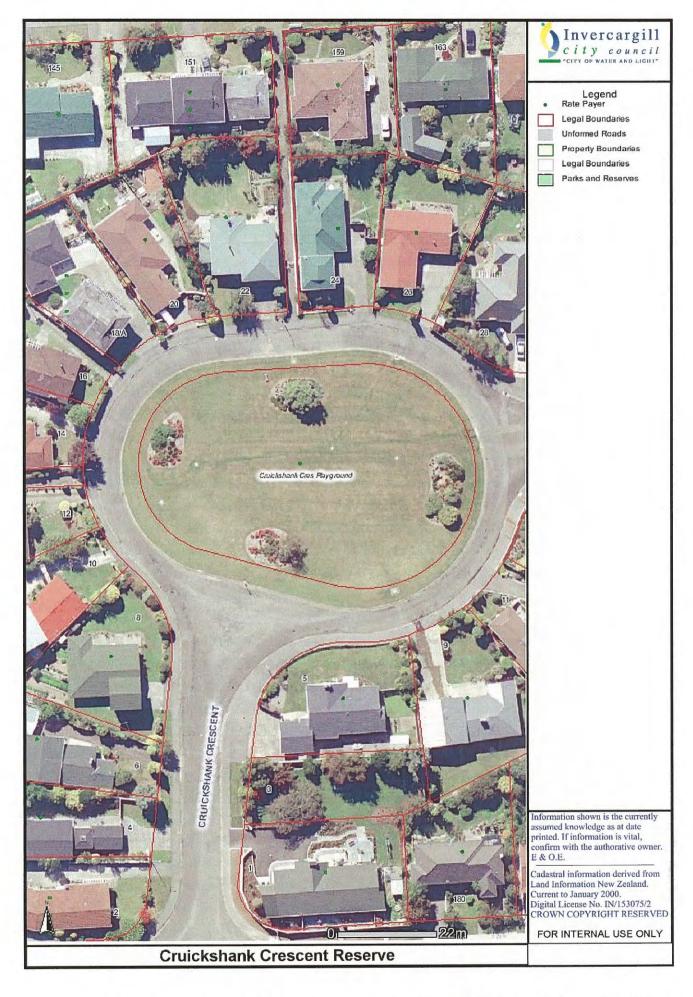
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CUNNINGHAM STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 28 Cunningham Street
- Legal Description Lot 52 DP 8179 (CT 3A/428) and Lot 2 DP 9059 (CT A/380)
- Area 0.2117 ha and 0.0119 ha 0.2236 ha
- Asset Number PXC9

2. Description of Location

The Cunningham Street Playground lies between Cunningham Street and Cunningham Crescent in the north-western suburb of Grasmere.

3. Access

Entry to the Cunningham Street Playground is gained either by the street frontage on to Cunningham Street itself or by a walkway from Cunningham Crescent.

4. History

The Cunningham Street Playground was vested in the Invercargill City Council, pursuant to Section 352 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, in two lots. The first (Lot 2 and the accessway from Cunningham Crescent) was vested after the owner subdivided in March 1973, and the second (Lot 52) later in 1973, after Burgess Homes Limited subdivided the area. Since then it has been developed to play its part as a playground for the area.

5. Description of Property

The park has good visibility and a walkway exists at the western end of the park to the terrace. The play equipment is set back from the street and there is no barrier on the frontage. The play equipment consists of:

- T-Swing with tyres
- Double Swing
- Horse Boat
- Merry-go-round
- Slide
- Seesaw

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear to be well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

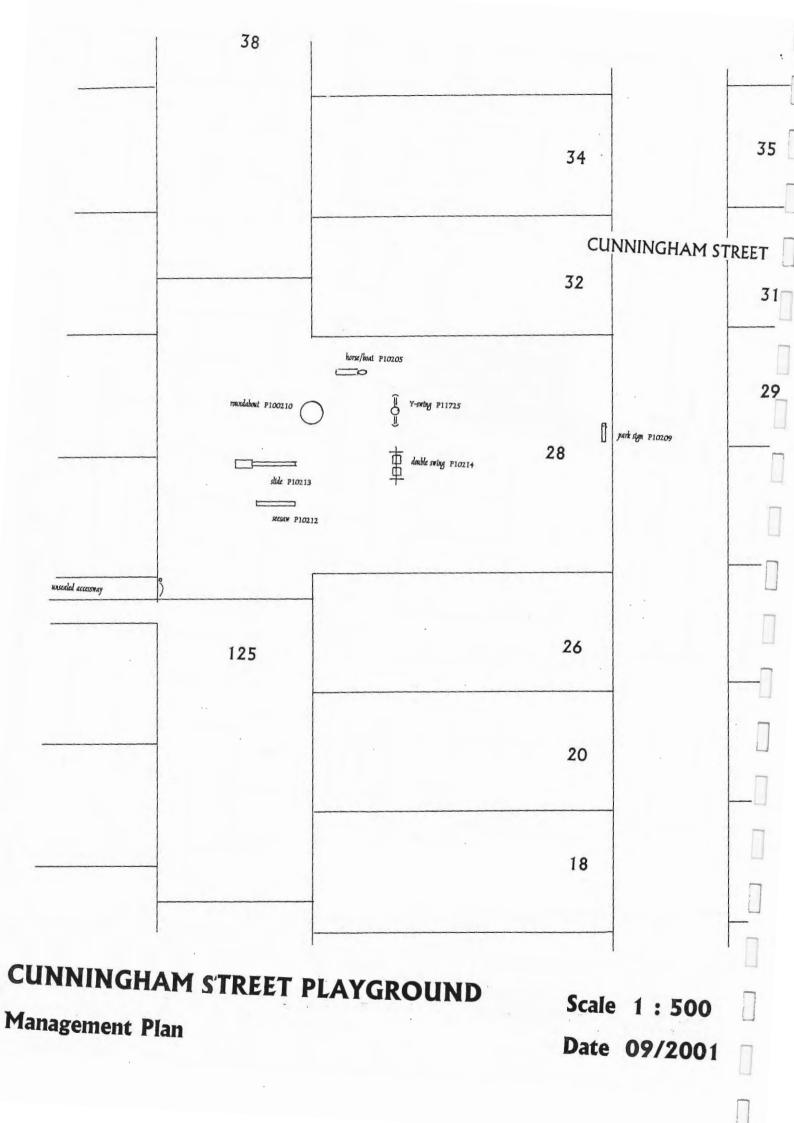
The park needs some plantings, and a park bench would work well with this. There is plenty of play equipment and when the plantings become more established a path to this area could be of benefit. The walkway should be upgraded to give the appearance that it leads to a park.

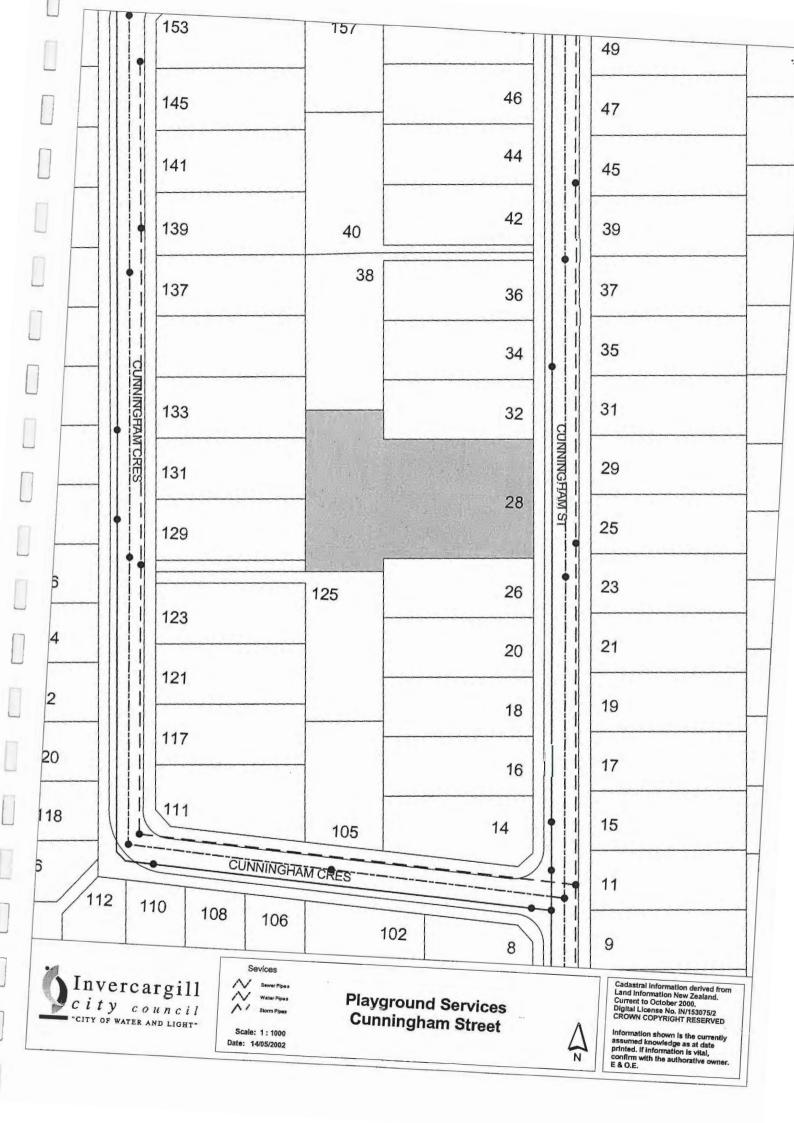




Cunningham Street Playground













DART STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 79 Dart Street
- Legal Description Lots 28, 29, 30 and 31 DP 5956 (CT 232/3)
- Area 2,828m²
- Asset number PXD1

2. Description of Location

The Dart Street Playground is situated west of Anglesey Street at the end of Dart and Lune Streets in East Invercargill.

3. Access

The playground has frontages on to both Dart and Lune Streets. There is also an accessway between Anglesey Street and Dart Street, which allows entry to the Reserve from the eastern side.

4. History

On the 14 July 1961 Dart Street Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953.

5. Description of Property

The playground stretches between the ends of two streets. There is high visibility into the park area, making it quite safe. It was noted there were signs specifying "no hard ball games"; there is a history of some problems on the park, resulting in the need for this sign. The playground equipment consists of:

- Carriage swing
- Slide
- Swing
- Merry-go-round
- Seesaw

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied, with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

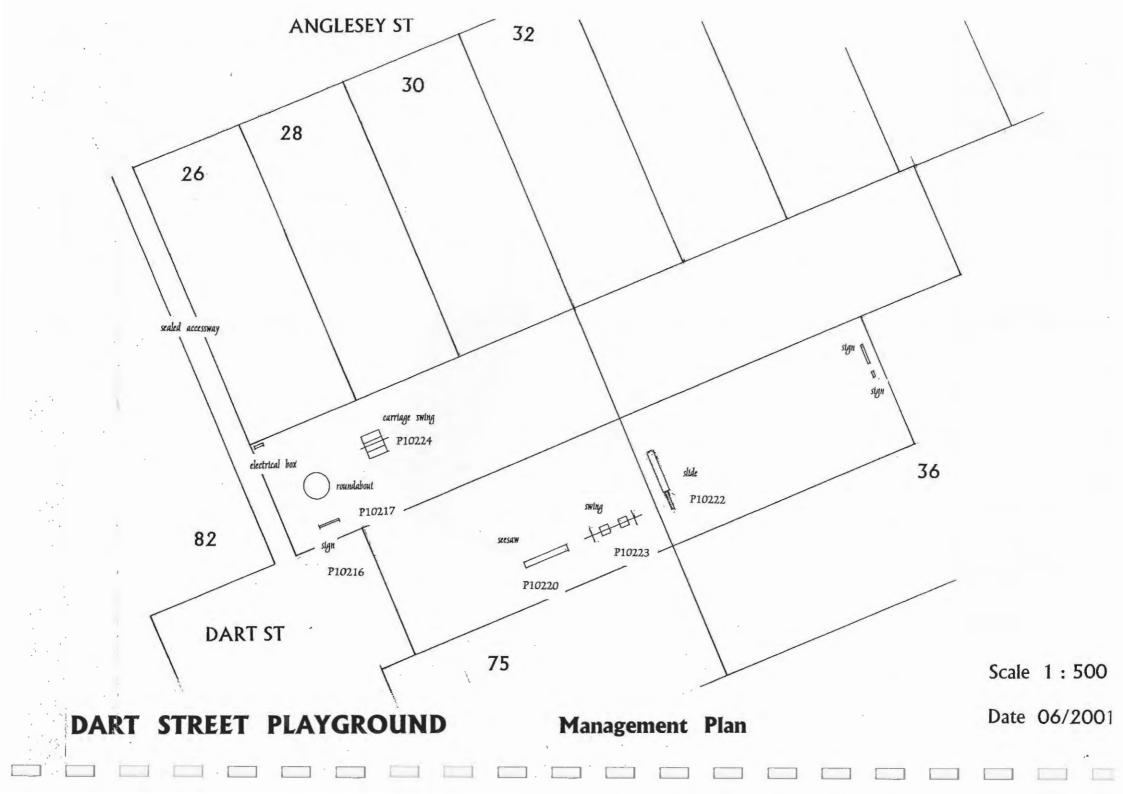
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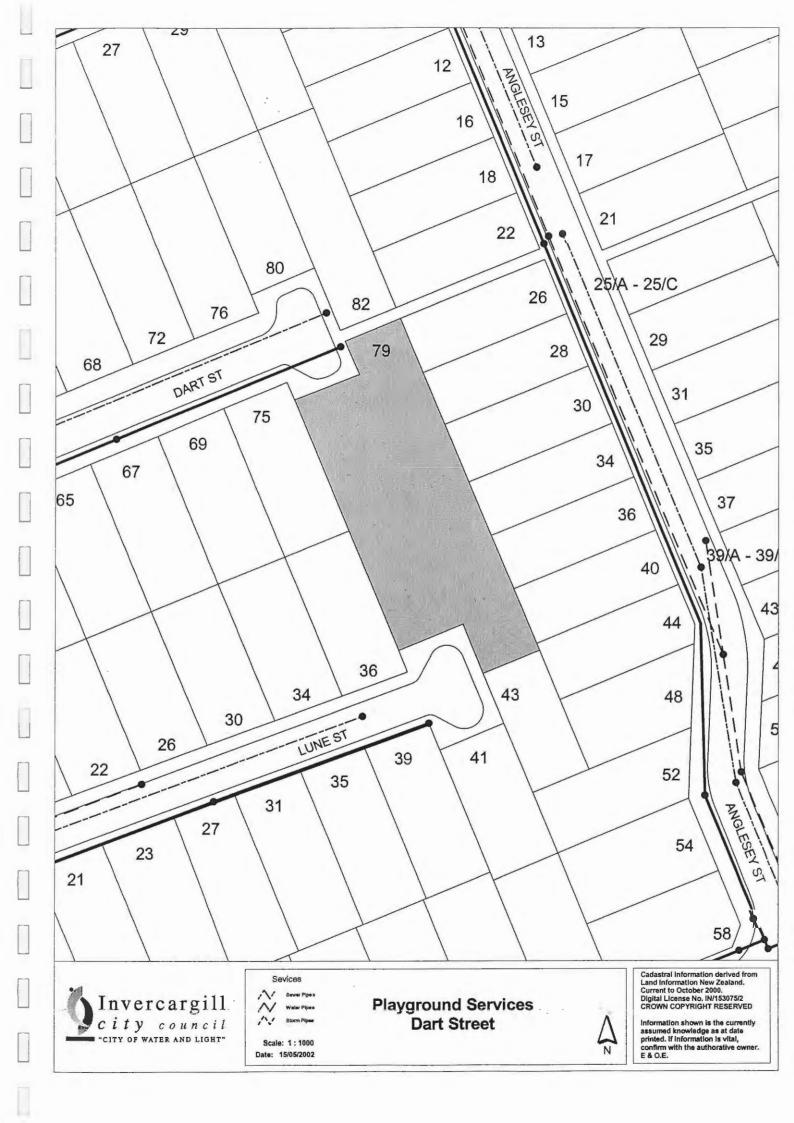
The size and character of the site goes some way to present the park well. A pathway, with interesting paving, between Dart and Lune Streets could be of benefit. Some planting to assist in further shaping the area may also assist. In addition, it is important the equipment is maintained to a high level of presentation. The carriage swing is popular with teenagers and it is important this relationship is encouraged. The carriage swing, or a similar device, should therefore be retained on the park.



Dart Street Playground

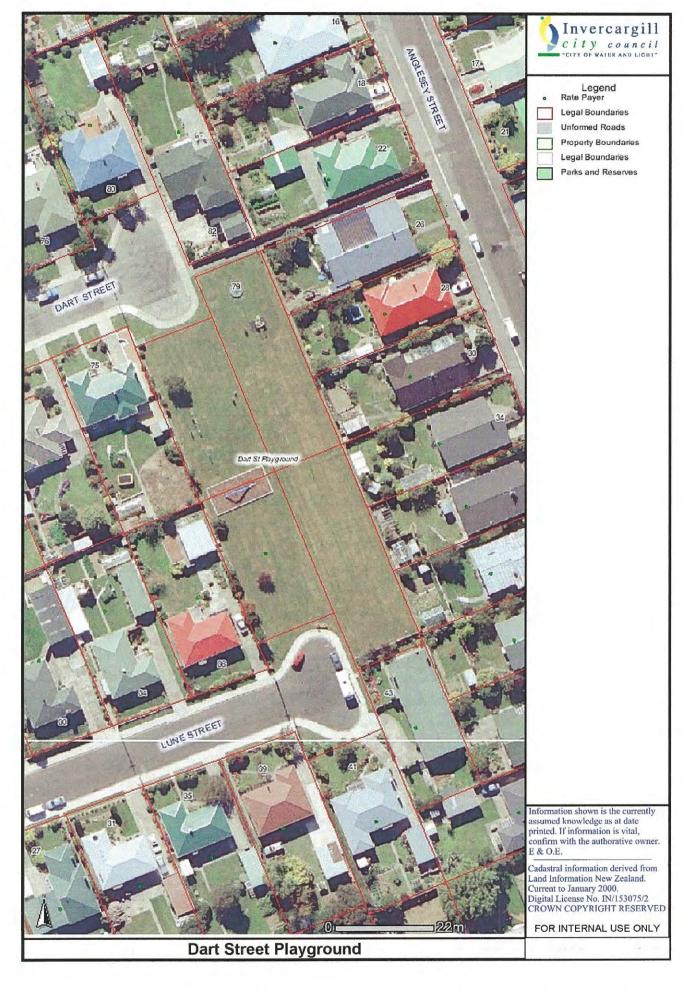






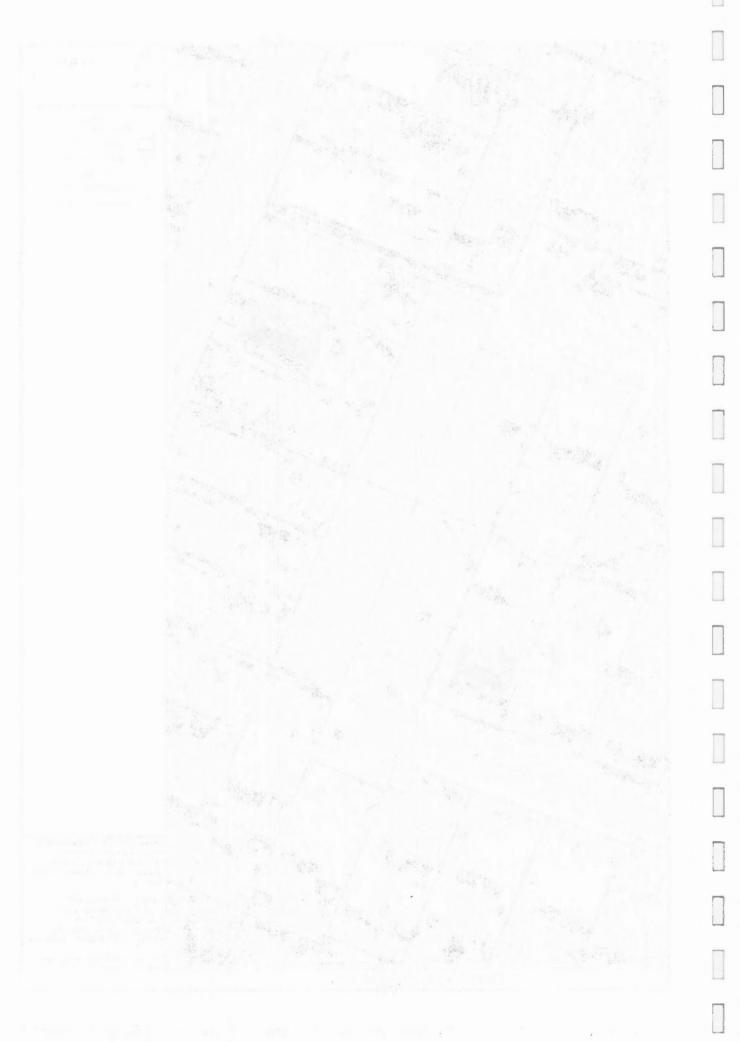


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DERWENT CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 132 Derwent Crescent
- Legal description Lot 107 DP6141 (CT A1/928)
- Area 1,960m²
- Asset Number PXD3

2. Description of Location

Derwent Crescent Playground is located on the northern side of Derwent Crescent approximately halfway between Yarrow and St Andrew Streets in the suburb of Glengarry.

3. Access

The playground has a frontage on to Derwent Crescent, and there are accessways through to Glengarry Crescent and Tummel Court.

4. History

On 20 December 1962 the Derwent Crescent Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Invercargill pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, and for the purposes of recreation.

5. Description of Property

The main frontage of the playground is on Derwent Crescent, with two walkways also providing access to the playground. The playground has quite an enclosed feeling and is almost hidden from the road due to the smaller entrances. There is a limited assortment of playground equipment on the park, which is starting to age. The equipment is:

- Seesaw
- Swing
- Slide

6. Description of Surrounding area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

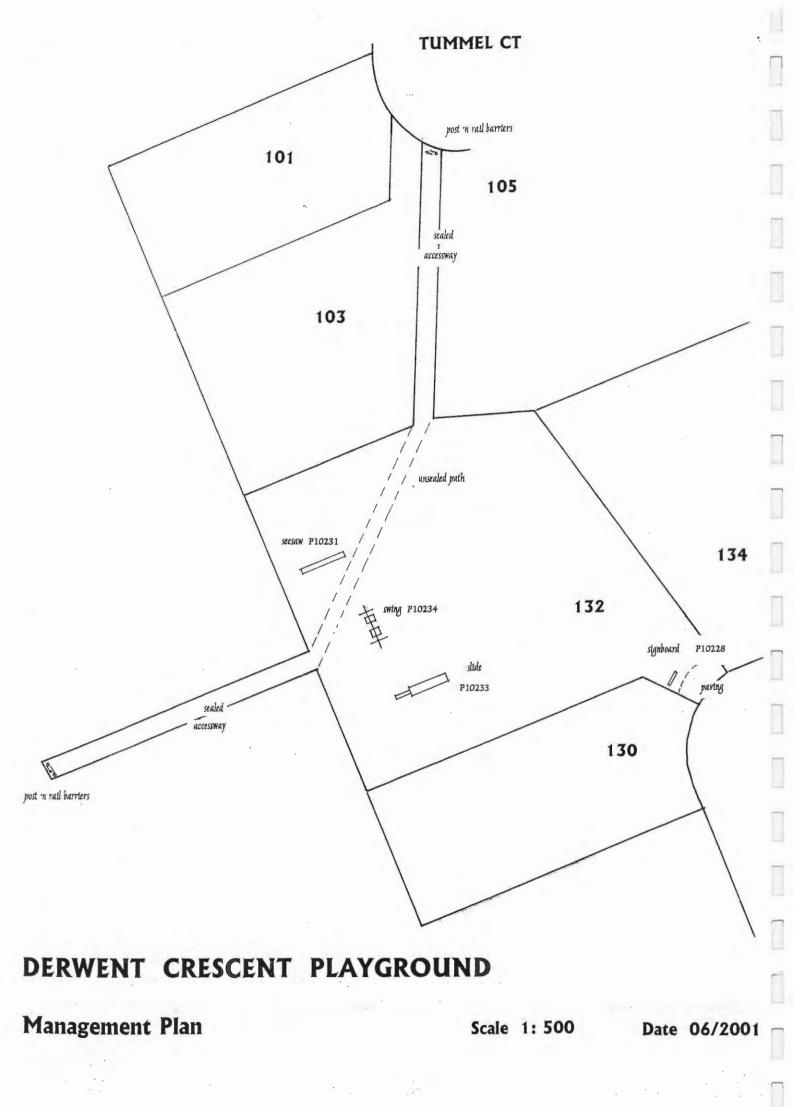
The Derwent Crescent Playground is close to the Arun Crescent Playground. The play equipment should be removed over time rather than replaced and the area enhanced with plantings. The park has three entrances and these should be paved, with the paths meeting in the centre. A feature or sculpture could be placed at this centre point to create a place of interest and encourage pedestrian access to streets, parks and shopping areas.

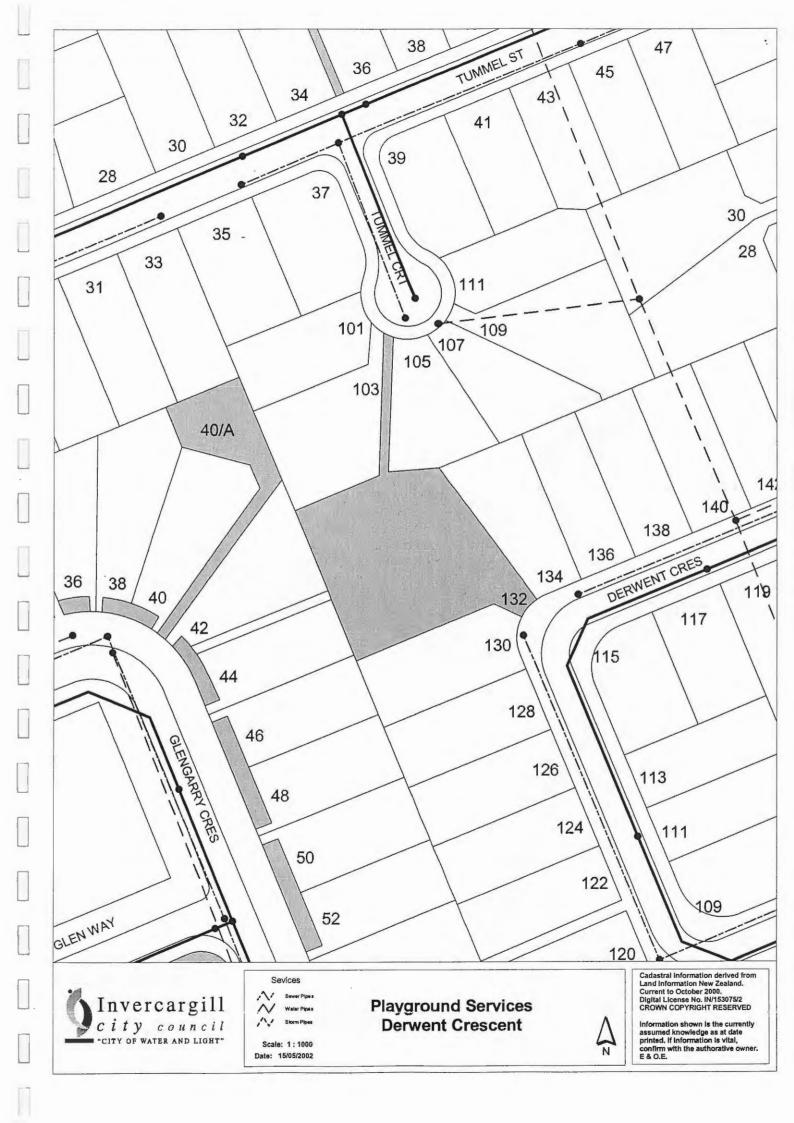


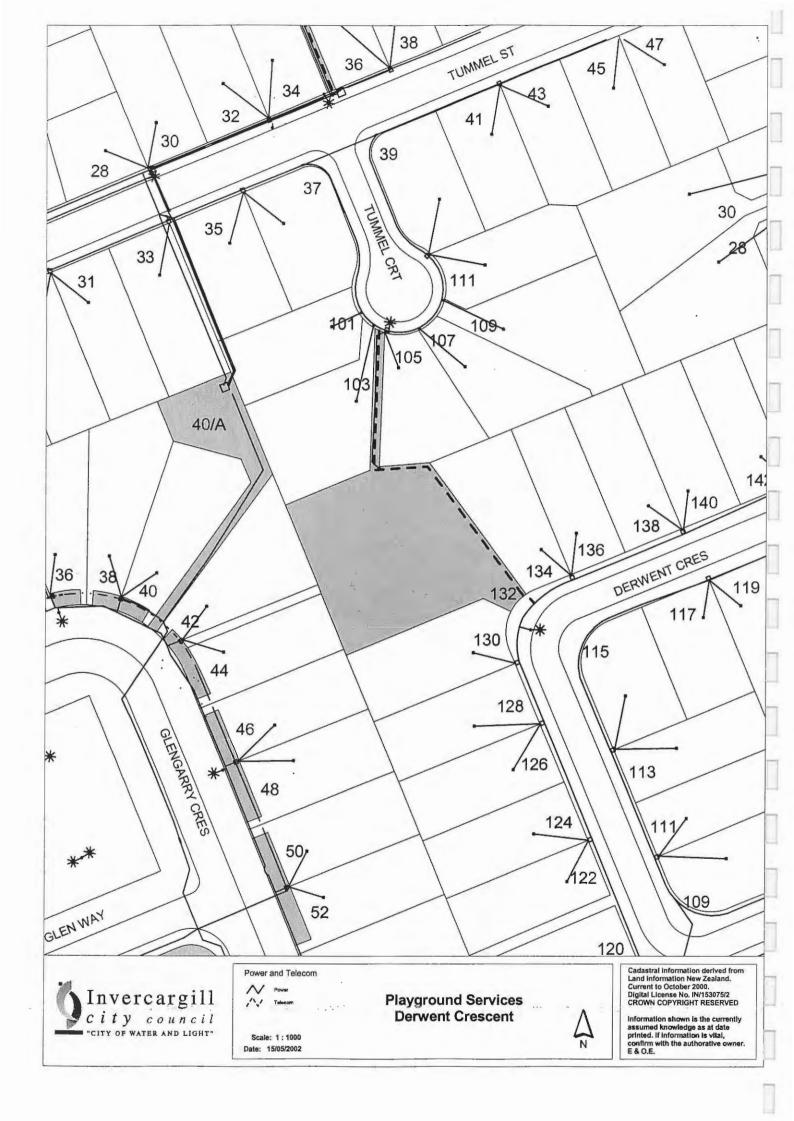


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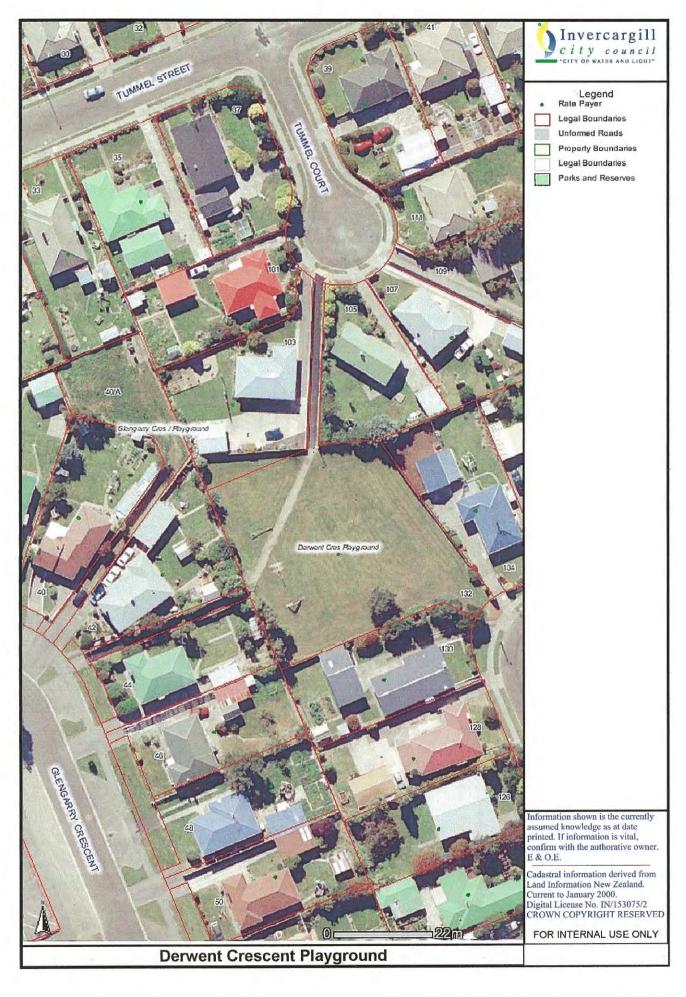








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DIPTON STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 101 Dipton Street
- Legal Description Lot 2 DP 5092 (CT 1A/549)
- Area 0.1214 ha
- Asset Number PXD4

2. Description of Location

The Dipton Street Playground is located on the southern side of Dipton Street, between Lock and Stapleton Streets in South invercargill.

3. Access

Access is by the street frontage off Dipton Street.

4. History

On the 17 March 1971 the Dipton Street Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Invercargill City. In 1972 the Plunket Society asked for permission to build its plunket rooms for South Invercargill on this reserve. Permission was granted and the rooms were built in 1973. The development of the playground was also begun about this time and was completed over the next few years.

Demand for the rooms diminished over time and the Plunket Society no longer required the building. In 1998 the building was demolished. The play area remained the same.

5. Description of Property

The park gives the appearance of being a housing section utilised as a park. There is a barrier along the front of the property, together with some plantings in the front corners. The plantings create a reduction in visibility to the rear of the site and the play equipment. The play equipment consists of:

- T-shaped tyre swing
- Small merry-go-round
- Single swing on upside down L- shaped bar

6. Description of Area

The area is residentially well occupied, but in neighbouring areas houses have been demolished or removed. It is possible for this to occur in the park region. Demand on the playground is likely to be static with a slow reduction over time.

7. Future Development

The park contains potential for development and the play equipment is due for replacement. Most of the plantings should be shifted to the rear of the property, with some along the sides. No plantings should be at the front as this thins the appearance and reduces visibility. A bench seat would assist in making the park attractive for the community.

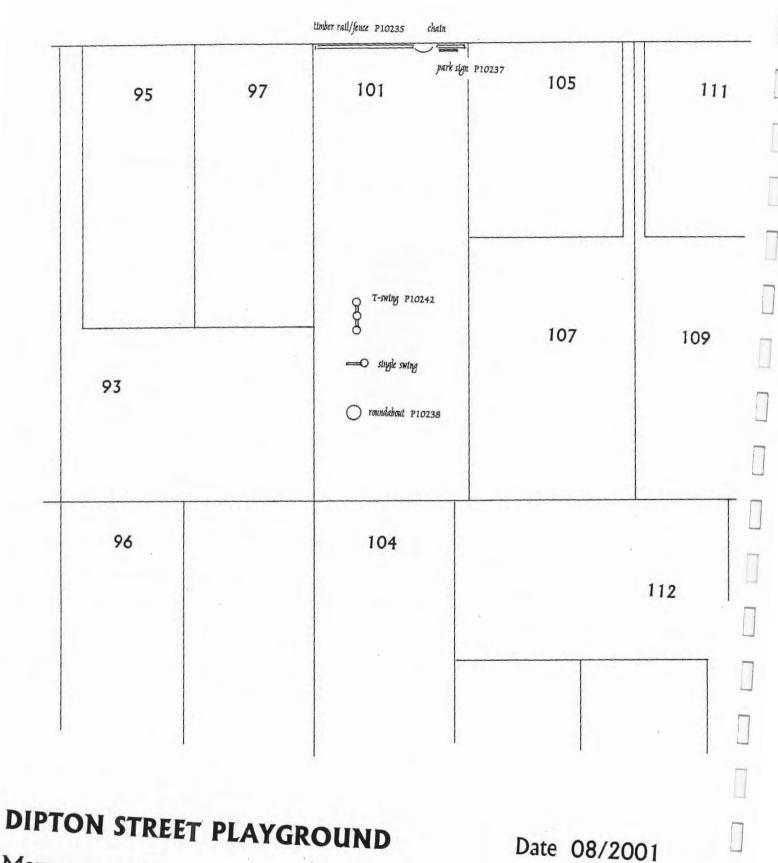




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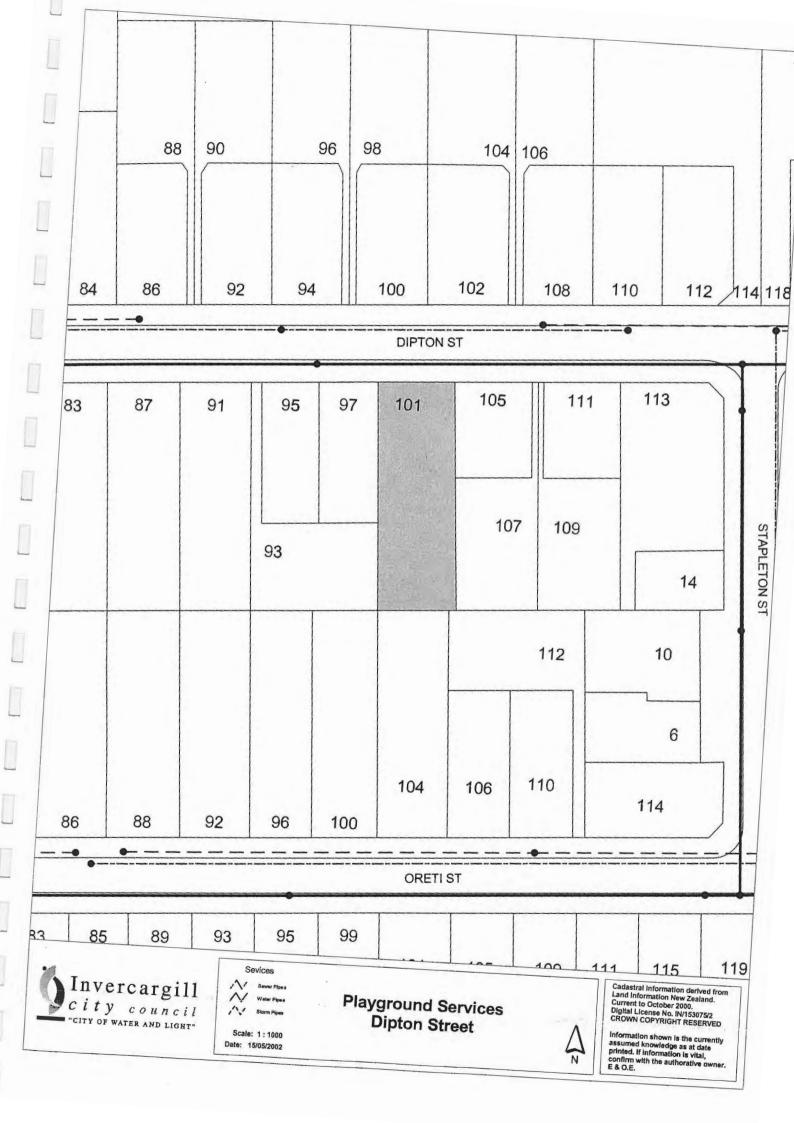


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DOME STREET PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 217 Dome Street
- Legal Description Lot 49 DP 5835 (CT 183/253)
- Area 0.2438 ha
- Asset Number PXD7

2. Description of Location

The Dome Street Playground is located at the junction of Dome and Wye Streets in the eastern suburb of Newfield.

3. Access

There is all-round access to Dome Street Playground with street frontages from both Dome and Wye Streets.

4. History

The Dome Street Reserve was vested as a Recreation Reserve on the 17 May 1961, in terms of the Reserve and Domains Act 1953. It was later developed and serves the surrounding streets as both a playground and a central green area.

5. Description of Property

This park is similar to a village green arrangement, with roading on all sides. There is very little on the park and there are no plantings except one tree that is a medium-sized spreading elm. In the past, the park has also proved popular for children's cricket games. The play equipment consists of:

- Double Swing
- Seesaw

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is residentially well occupied with little opportunity for an increase in housing numbers. The dwellings appear well maintained and there is no obvious disrepair or loss of functional housing. It is therefore likely the demand will be similar or static.

7. Future Development

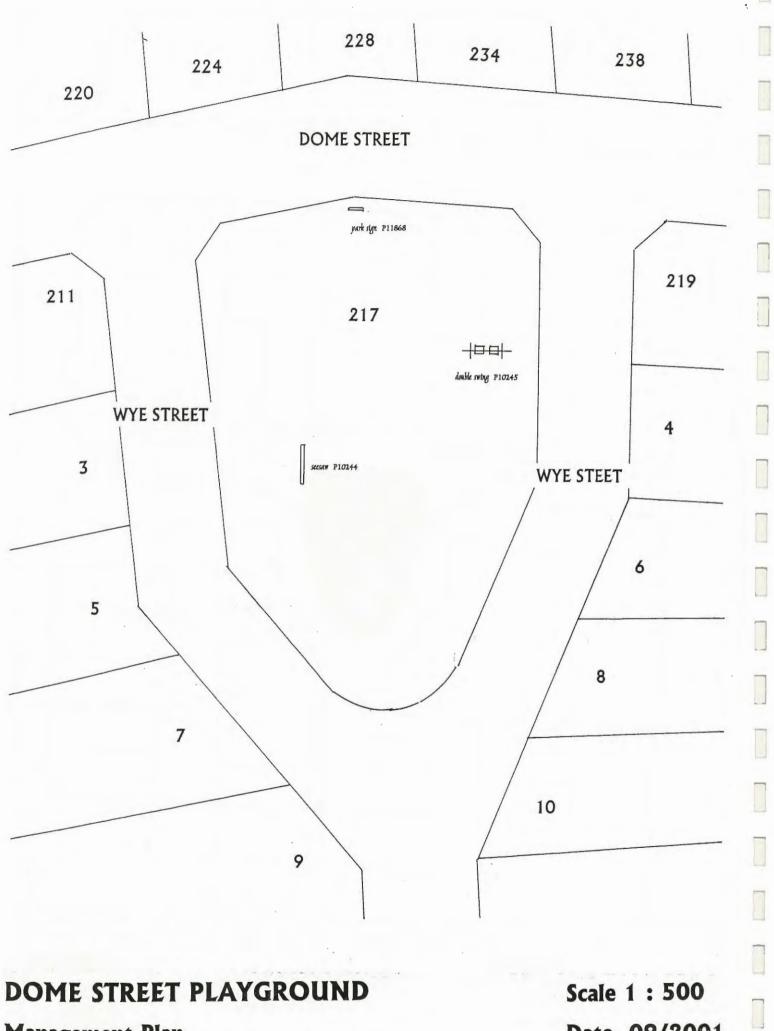
An interesting feature such as a sculpture would be visible and create quite a talking point for the area. The park would benefit from some strategically placed plantings that will not affect traffic visibility. A small amount of play equipment should be retained on the park and a pathway with some bench seats could assist in creating more of a community area.





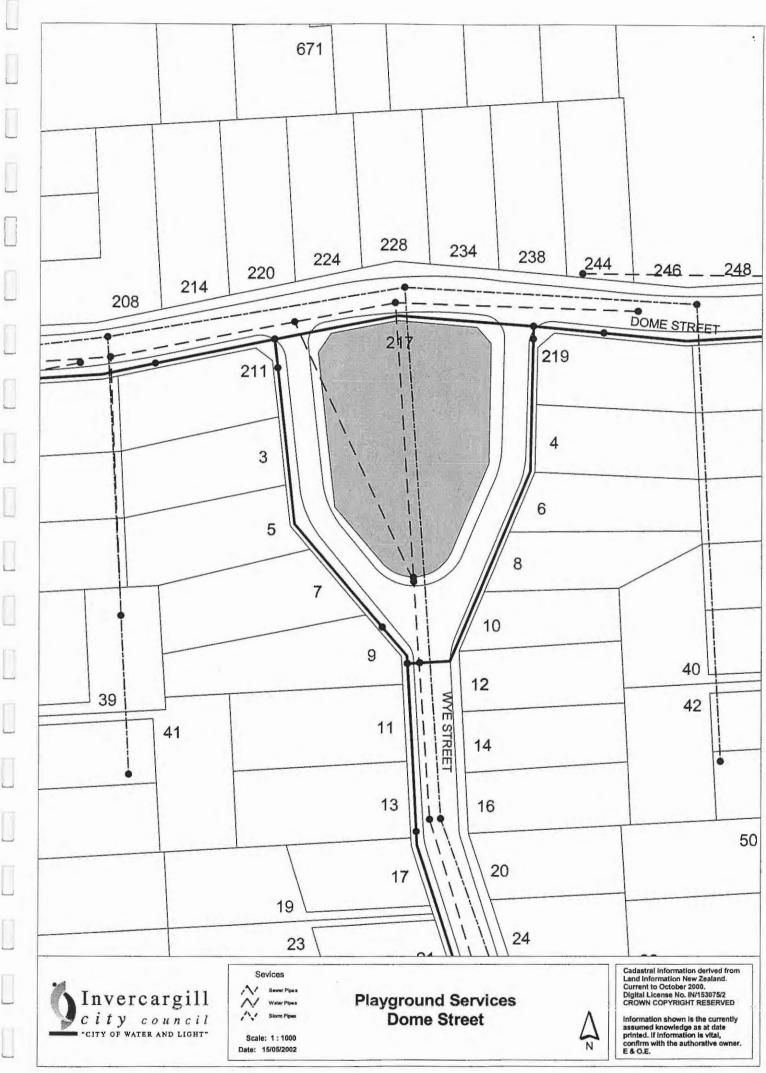
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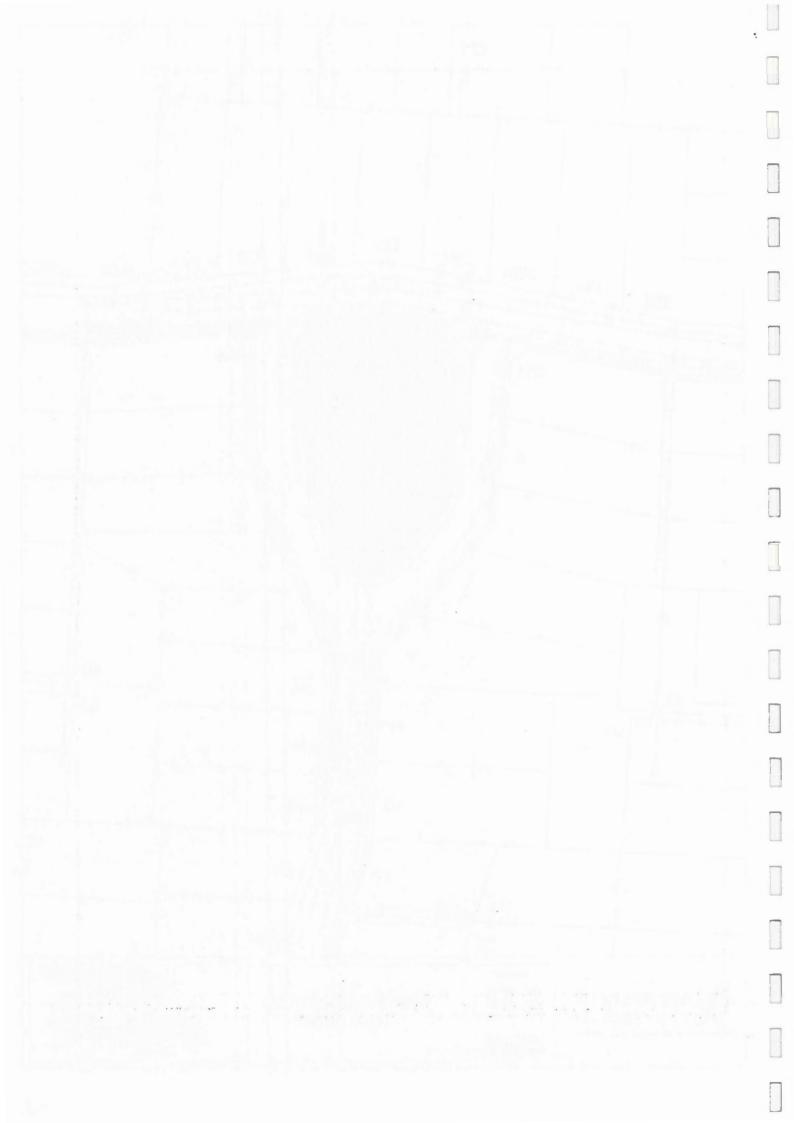


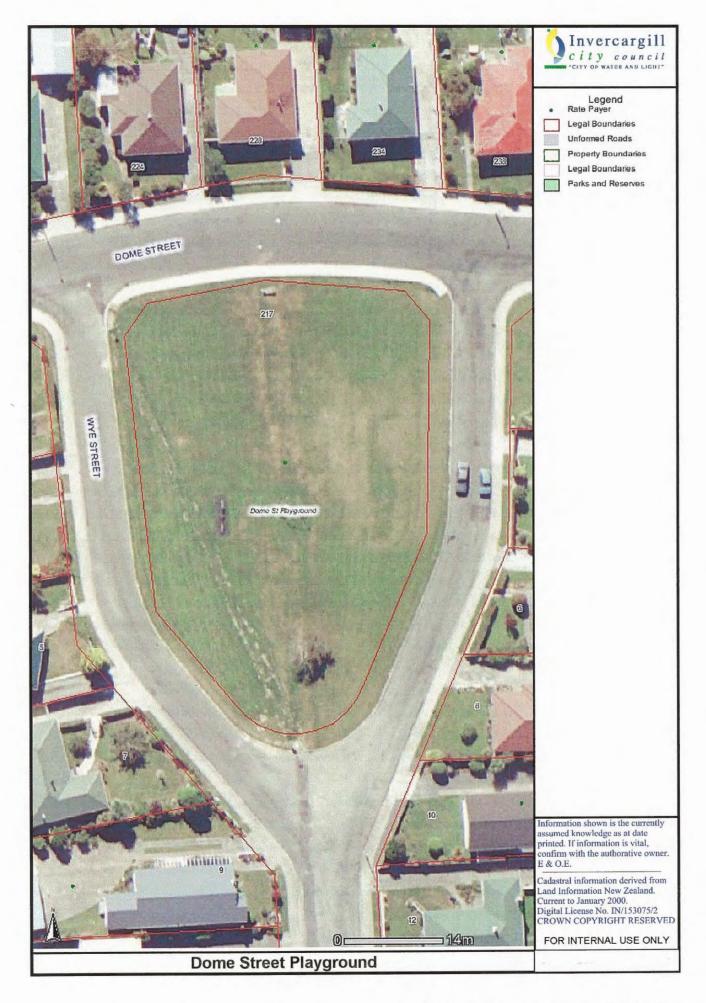


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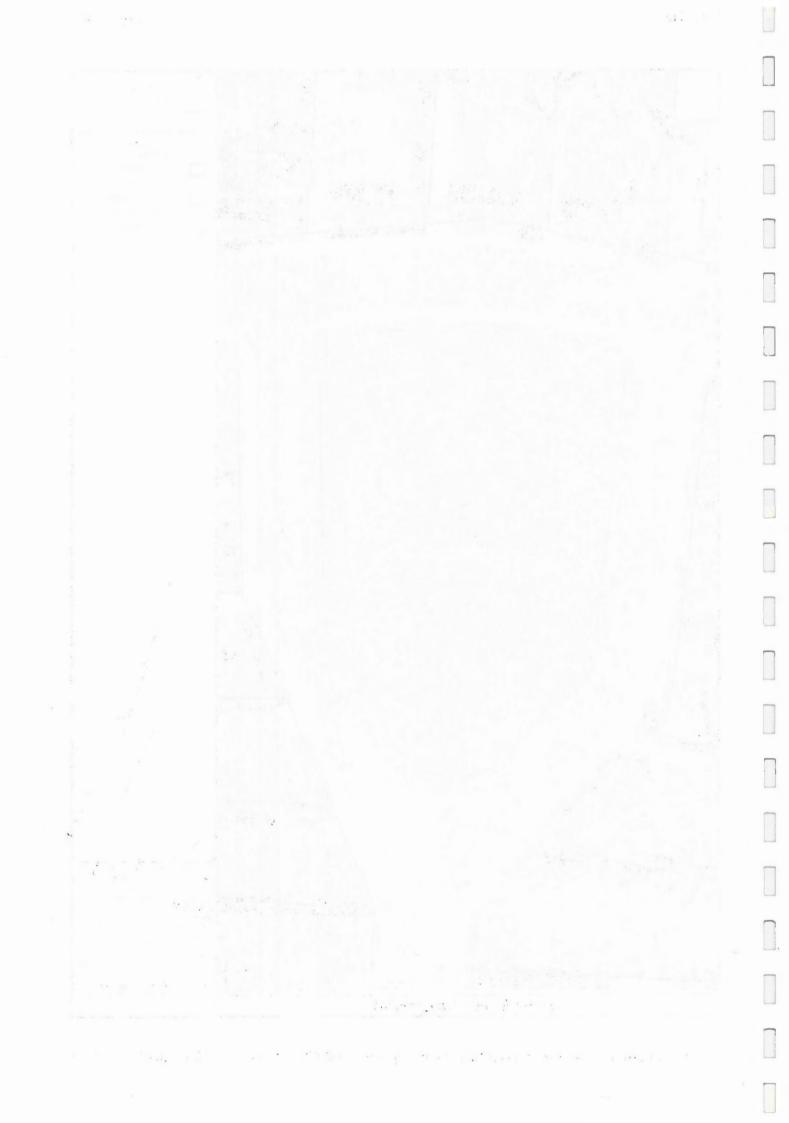
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DUMBARTON CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 15 Dumbarton Place
- Legal Description: Lot 26 DP 7236 (CT 207/15) and Lot 2 DP 7177 (CT A/1329)
- Area 0.1981 ha plus 0.0544 ha 0.2525 ha
- Asset Number PXD9

2. Description of Location

The Dumbarton Crescent Playground is located in the south-west of Invercargill and bounded by Dumbarton Crescent, Christina, Brown and McQuarrie Streets.

3. Access

There is a right-of-way between the reserve and Brown Street, and also a street frontage off Dumbarton Crescent itself. This means that access to the reserve is available to all residents of the surrounding streets.

4. History

The Dumbarton Crescent Playground was vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Invercargill City in two lots. The first (Lot 26 DP 7236) was transferred to the Council and Citizens on the 6 March 1968, after the area was subdivided. The second lot (Lot 2) was transferred on the 10 September 1968 and was obtained from Southern Equities Limited. Both were procured for recreation purposes, and subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953.

5. Description of Property

Primarily, this is a grass area with only one old single wooden swing on the park. The park is not visually attractive and it appears to receive little use. There is a walkway from Brown Street, which enters the park on the western side. This provides pedestrians a short cut for access to Dumbarton Place.

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The area is not growing and there tends to be a tendency for house removal rather than building work. This is especially so in the surrounding neighbourhood. Demand for the park is unlikely to increase, with some reduction possible.

7. Future Development

Investigations should be carried out to consider the demand for this park. If sufficient demand is established, additional land should be added to the park to increase visibility. Play equipment would need to be established, a pathway developed and extensive planting carried out.

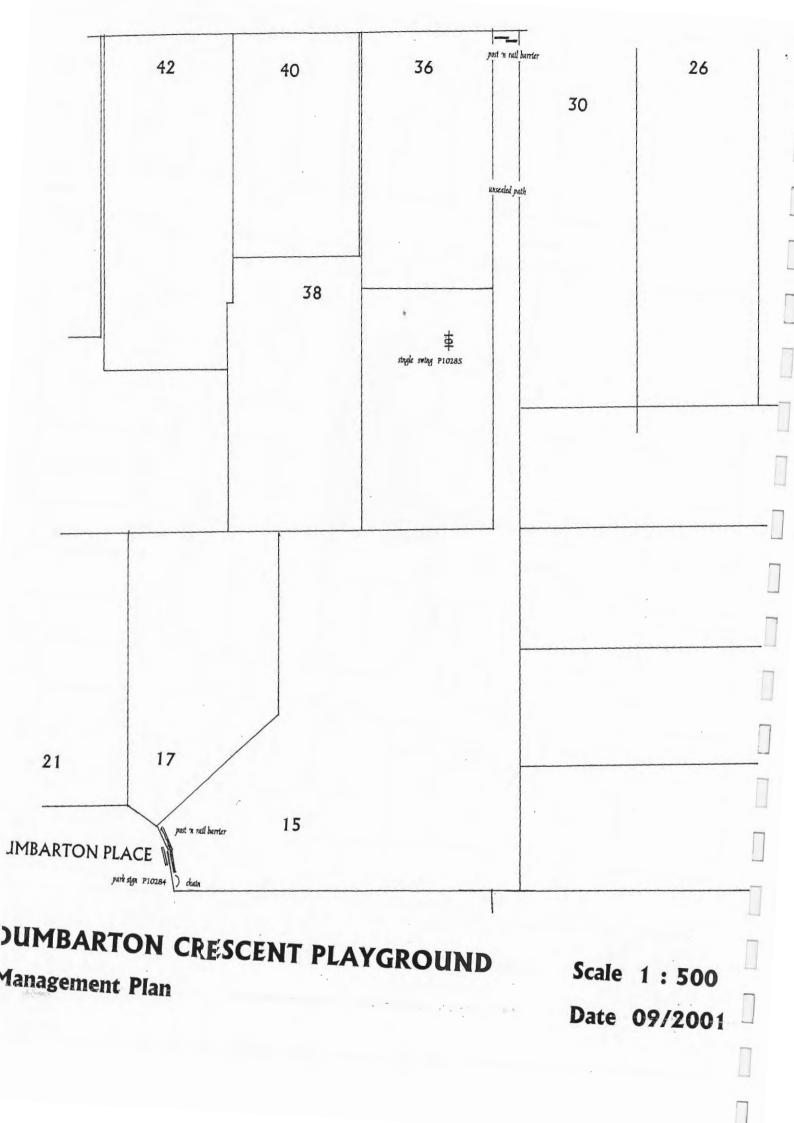
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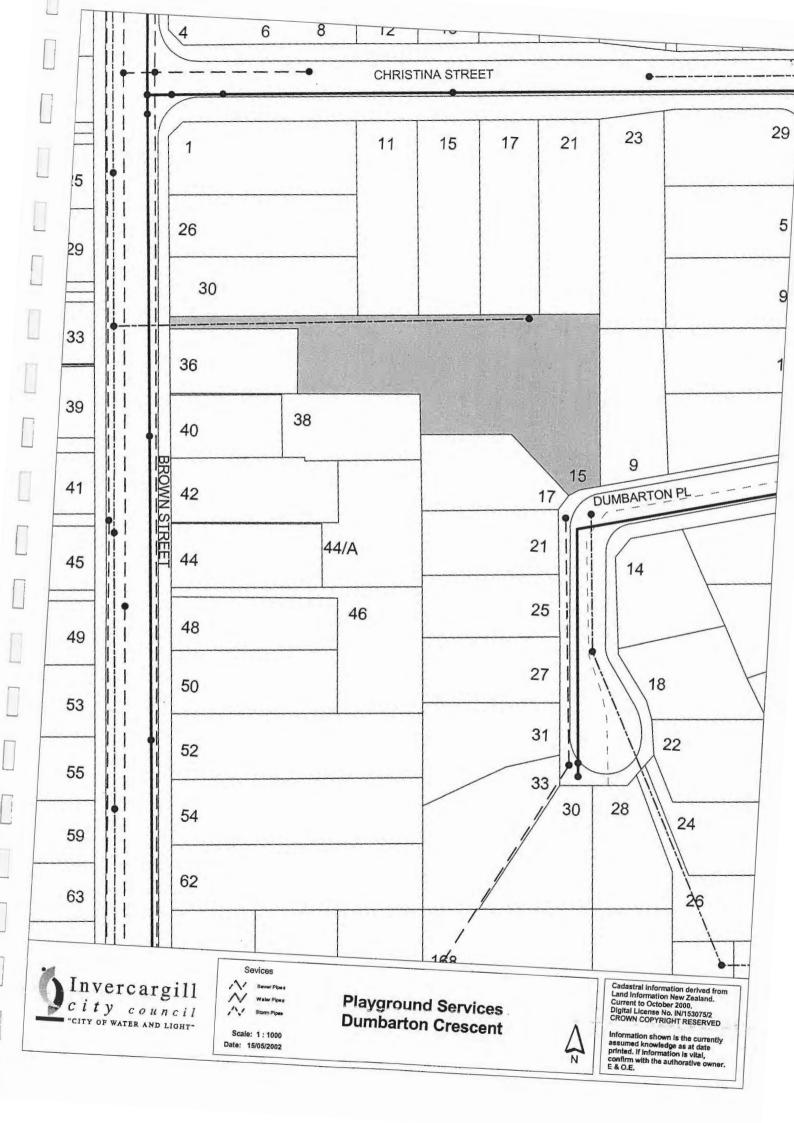




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DUNBEATH CRESCENT PLAYGROUND

1. Location

- 58 Dunbeath Crescent
- Legal Description Lot 151 DP 7372 (CT 230/4)
- Area 0.9014 ha
- Asset Number PXD2

2. Description of Location

The Dunbeath Crescent Playground is located in south-west Invercargill, between Dunbeath Crescent and Stirrat Street.

3. Access

Road frontages on both Dunbeath Crescent and Stirrat Street give access to the reserve.

4. History

On the 9 June 1968, Lot 151 DP 7372 was transferred and vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of Invercargill City as a Recreation Reserve and subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. The land was obtained pursuant to Section 352 of the Municipal Corporation Act 1954, and it was procured to fulfil the likely future need for a reserve in this area.

5. Description of Property

The area is large with access off Dunbeath Crescent and backs on to a curved part of Bluff Highway. There is a low barrier running the distance of the highway frontage. Visibility from the residential street is poor and children appear to be left unsupervised to play in the area. The eastern half of the park is a green area and the western half is a play area. The play equipment is all surrounded by raised bark chip surfacing and consists of:

- Fort
- Wooden shaped motorbike
- Wooden and tyre-shaped truck
- Double swing
- Tree trunk

6. Description of Surrounding Area

The highway plays a dominant role in the characteristics of the area. The surrounding residential area appears to be slowly declining, with the odd house being removed.

7. Future Development

If the sections adjoining the existing entrance way became available, their procurement would assist visibility. The area has adequate size to cater for social sports and this should be encouraged. If play equipment is to be replaced, this should be with similar structures to those existing. Plantings, which provide a barrier to the highway, should be further developed.

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