



MYERS RESERVE

Management Plan

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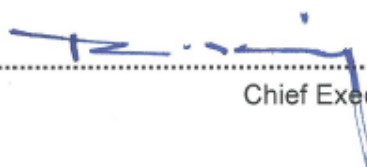
The Management Plan for Myers Reserve was approved by the Invercargill City Council by resolution passed at its meeting held on 13 March 2012. All submissions, objections and suggestions relating to the Management Plan had been disposed of and suggestions allowed.

The Management Plan shall come into operation from 30 March 2012 and shall remain operative for a period of ten years.

Dated at INVERCARGILL this 29th day of March 2012.




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Mayor of the City of Invercargill


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Chief Executive Officer

MANAGEMENT PLAN

MYERS RESERVE

March 2012 – March 2022

PREFACE

The Myers Reserve Management Plan has been prepared in compliance with Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

The purpose of this Management Plan is to provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation as the case may require, and to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, the development, as appropriate for the reserve for the purpose for which they are classified, and shall incorporate and ensure compliance with the principles set out in the relative sections of the Act.

This plan shall be held under regular review to ensure that it remains relevant to changing circumstances.

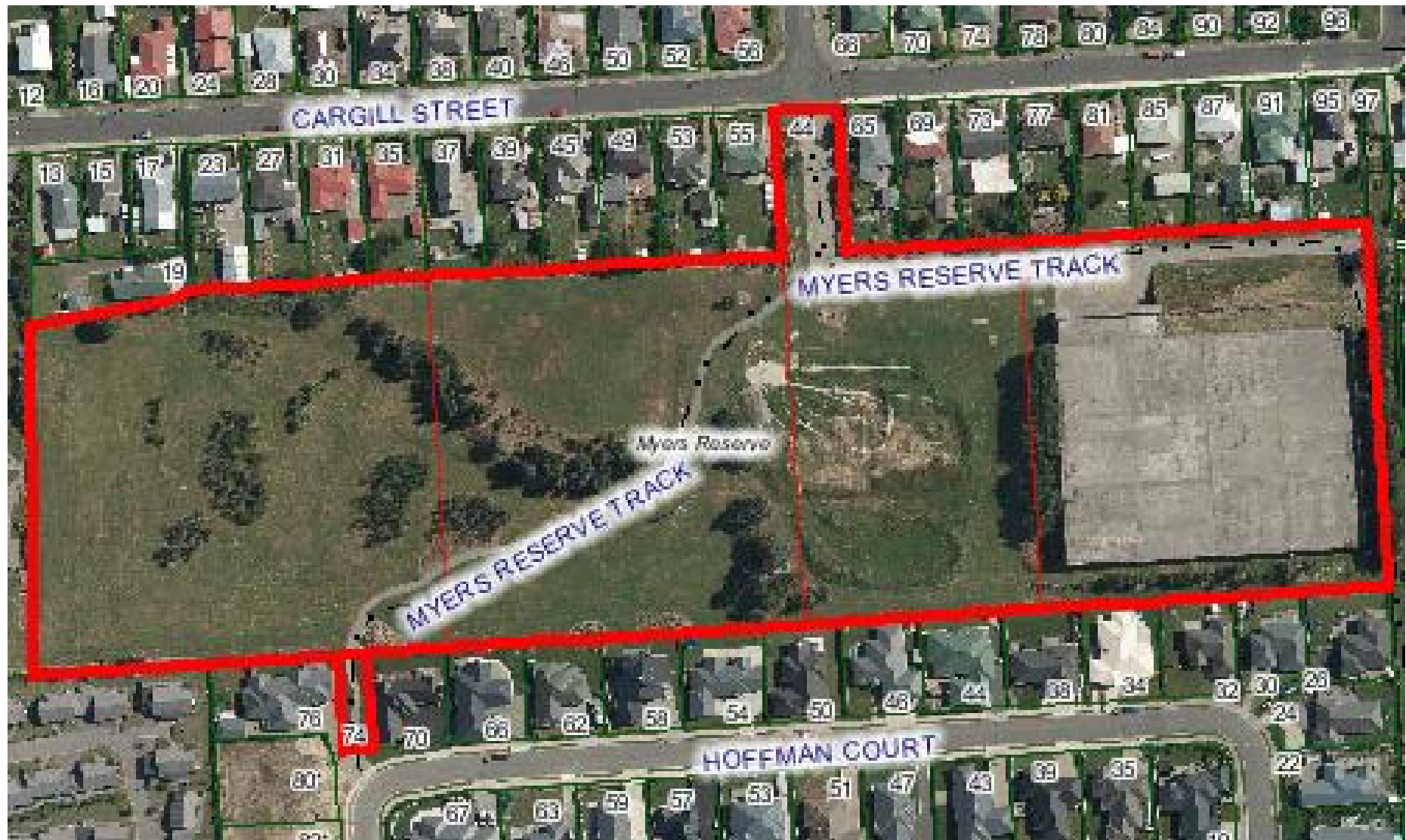
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Aerial of Myers Reserve (flown 2011)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

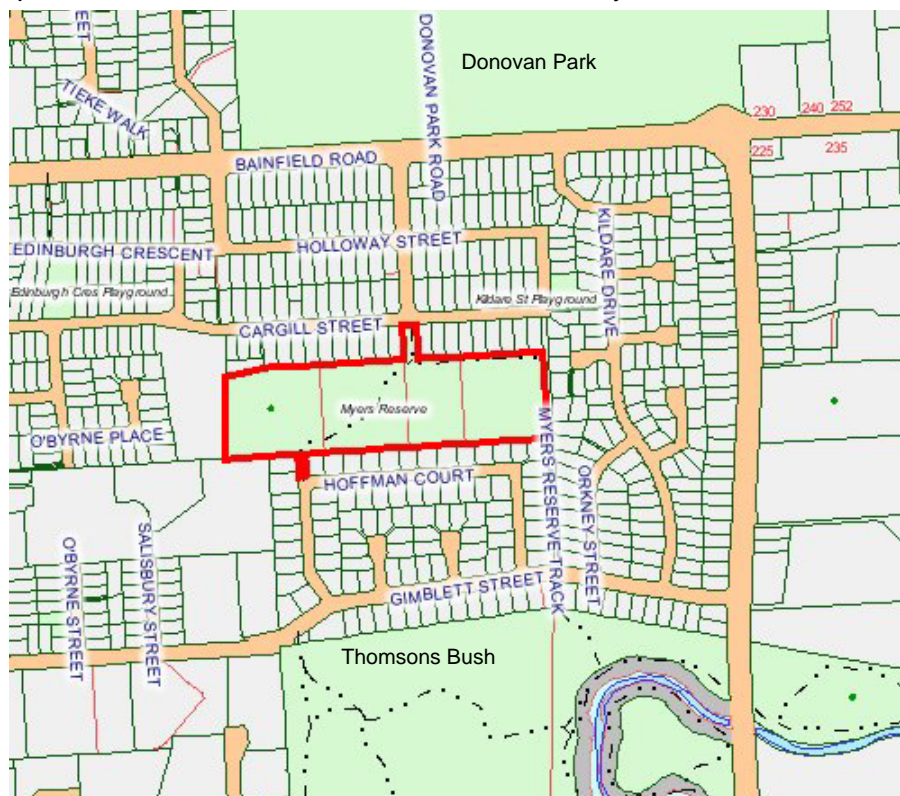
Myers Reserve is an important reserve for active recreational activities in the City. Covering over four hectares of land, the reserve contributes significantly to the open green space of the City. It is used informally by city residents for walking, casual sport and for the casual use of the bike Jump Park.

Myers Reserve has been classified as a Major Park within the Invercargill City Council Park categories. Major Parks provide both passive and active recreational opportunities, can include large open-spaced areas, sports fields and community clubrooms and are often highly modified. Other Major Parks around the city include Surrey Park, Elizabeth Park and Donovan Park. Parks are categorised according to their dominant characteristics and these assist Council with setting management objectives and assessing funding requirements for each reserve.

This Management Plan is a full review of the Myers Reserve Management Plan which was prepared in 1991. While much of the Plan remains the same, parts of it have been updated with current information about the Park. Management policies in the Plan have been revised to reflect the needs of current and future users and to be consistent with current 'best practice' management procedures.

1.1 LOCATION

Myers Reserve is located approximately two kilometres north of the centre of the City and is within the North Invercargill suburb of Waikiwi. This places it only a few hundred metres from Thomsons Bush, Donovan Park and the open paddocks of the north eastern sector of the city.



Location of Myers Reserve

1.2 ACCESS

Access to the reserve is provided off Myers Street which runs off Bainfield Road. Bainfield Road is a main thoroughfare linking the top end of Queens Drive with North Road (State Highway 1). Pedestrian access from the south end of the reserve can also be gained from the Hoffman Court access way and the grassy strip along the water services corridor from Hoffman Court that adjoins to the eastern boundary of the reserve.

1.3 ADJOINING LAND USE

Myers Reserve is situated in a predominantly residential area. Residential housing surrounds the majority of the reserve, while the eastern boundary of the reserve is defined by the water reservoir. A grassy strip along the water services corridor towards Hoffman Court adjoins parallel to the eastern boundary of the reserve and is used by visitors as another entry to Myers Reserve.

1.4 HISTORY

Myers Reserve is situated on the land previously owned by the brick manufacturing firm of C. Myers and Sons. In 1863 C. Myers arrived from Victoria, Australia to establish the first brickworks in Invercargill. The initial production of 70,000 bricks per year increased to between 300,000 and 500,000 by 1874. Clay was excavated from the reserve and fired in a Hoffman kiln. The Myers family, who owned a substantial portion of Waikiwi, consolidated their interests by forming the firm of C. Myers and Sons in 1902.

For many years the kiln and its smoke stack were significant landmarks within Invercargill. These features disappeared in the 1950s and by 1959 the brickworks had ceased operating from this site.

Urban developments in the 1960s and 1970s saw much of the surrounding land being subdivided. This process resulted in most of that area from which clay had been removed being designated as Recreation Reserve. The eastern block of the reserve resulted from the Holloway Street subdivision in 1959. The central block derived from the reserve contribution from the Cargill Street subdivision in 1961 and the western section came from the O'Byrne Place subdivision of 1973.

By the mid 1960s, all the reserve land and the surrounding urban developments were within the Invercargill City boundary. The siting of a new water reservoir on the eastern block of the recreation reserve was partly due to the recognition that existing excavation would reduce the amount of earthworks required for this project. The reservoir was completed in 1965 with a capacity of 45,000m³ (10 million gallons). A pumping station enables water to reach most of north Invercargill.

The flat roof of the reservoir enabled informal use by local tennis players; however, it was never a popular venue. Skateboarding activities in the late 1970s raised concerns about safety and water contamination and in 1986 new titles were issued classifying the water reservoir as a Local Purpose Waterworks Reserve.

In 1982, the Invercargill BMX Club approached the Invercargill City Council requesting the use of some reserve land for BMX activities. Land adjacent to the west of the reservoir was offered to the club. Development of the sport and the site had soon evolved to an extent that the BMX Club was the principle recreational group and dominant activity on the reserve.

The BMX track has since been reconstructed into a jump park for users. This was done as part of Council's Myers Reserve Concept Plan (2007) and was constructed through the organisation of the Southland Mountain Bike Club.

A path through the reserve and seating near the jump park were also formed, along with plantings and a swale to help with drainage of water on the reserve, as designed through the concept plan.

1.5 CLASSIFICATION AND TENURE

Reserves are classified under the Reserves Act 1977 according to their dominant characteristics, use and current and future values. Reserves are classified to ensure their control, management, development, use and preservation is for the appropriate purposes.

1.5.1 *Classification*

Myers Reserve is classified as follows:

- Recreation Reserve pursuant to Section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977;
- Local Purpose Waterworks Reserve and Local Purpose Reserve (Accessway) pursuant to Section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977;

and shall be managed in accordance with these classifications.

1.5.2 *Tenure and Area*

The total area of Myers Reserve is 4.9772 ha. The five parts to Myers Reserve are as follows:

Certificate of Title: SL7C/709
Legal Description: Lot 1, DP 11623
Classification: Local Purpose Waterworks Reserve
Area: 1.2501 ha
Subject to: Reserves Act 1977

Certificate of Title: SL7C/710
Legal Description: Lot 2, DP 11623
Classification: Recreation Reserve
Area: 0.9516 ha
Subject to: Reserves Act 1977

Certificate of Title: 218/68 (cancelled)
Legal Description: Lot 93, DP 5802
Classification: Recreation Reserve
Area: 1.2813 ha
Subject to: Reserves and Domains Act 1953

Certificate of Title: 2A/944 (cancelled)
Legal Description: Lot 56, DP 8355
Classification: Recreation Reserve
Area: 1.4665 ha
Subject to: Reserves and Domains Act 1953

Certificate of Title: 290535
Legal Description: Lot 37, DP 371857
Classification: Local Purpose Reserve (Accessway)
Area: 0.0277 ha

1.6 AMENITY VALUE

Behind the narrow frontages on Myers Street and Hoffman Court, Myers Reserve provides an open expanse which offers visual relief for surrounding residents in the properties that border onto the reserve and for visitors passing through.

While the present visual aspect may be that of space it could be further improved by selective groups of low level planting in the wetter parts of the reserve, while still retaining the open space of mown grass.

1.7 GENERAL PARK USE

Myers Reserve is used as a public reserve for outdoor recreation, with the exception of the water reservoir. It is also used for other forms of informal use such as walking and cycling along the formed path that links Myers Street to Hoffman Court. The grassed area in the reserve becomes an open space for public use, enjoyment and recreation at any time. The western side of the reserve still holds a lot of water after rain because of the original excavation of clay for the brickworks and can therefore be too wet at times to be walked or biked across.

1.7.1 *Water Reservoir*

The Water Reservoir is located on the eastern side of the reserve next to the jump park. It is serviced by the Invercargill City Council Waterworks Division. The reservoir supplies water to housing in north Invercargill.



1.7.2 *Jump Park*

The jump park has been used by a wide range of age groups and biking abilities since its development in 2007. The development of the jump park was organised by the Southland Mountain Bike Club and included the use of existing ramps from when it was used as a BMX track. Soil mounds of the



former BMX track were reshaped to form the cycle jump park which will continue to evolve with input from users over time. There is seating alongside the jump park for other users to sit and view.

1.8 FLORA AND FAUNA

Previously, Myers Reserve had negligible ecological issues with poor drainage and rank growth dominated by introduced weeds, including: gorse, broom, rushes and broadleaf weeds.

Since the 2007 Concept Plan, exotic plantings including Macrocarpa, Cedars, Poplars and Oaks have scenically improved the reserve's features and provided shelter for users of the reserve. Copses of trees and native shrub plantings, as well as flowering shrubs, have been scattered around the reserve. Willows were planted in wet areas to help drain excess water in the reserve.

The installation of a swale east to west through the centre of the reserve also helps with the drainage of excess water to enhance and improve the use of the reserve. The number of weeds has been reduced.

Viability of the reserve could still be further improved through more plantings of shrubs and wetland vegetation to help drain moisture and help the reserve remain aesthetically pleasing.

Planting vegetation has encouraged birds to the reserve to use the vegetation as their habitat.

1.9 PRESENT MANAGEMENT

Myers Reserve is under the control and management of the Invercargill City Council Parks Division. The Parks Division is responsible for the development, maintenance and general management of the reserve.

The water reservoir is under the control and management of the Invercargill City Council Waterworks Division. The waterworks division is responsible for the maintenance and general management of the water reservoir.

2.0 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

In setting the management objectives for Myers Reserve, consideration must be given to the classification of the land under the Reserves Act 1977.

Recreation Reserves are protected for their open space and recreational values, which contribute to the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public. Local Purpose Reserves are protected areas suitable for a specific local community purpose. These are generally small modified areas.

- 2.1 To manage Myers Reserve in perpetuity for the physical and mental appreciation and enjoyment of the public, to the extent that it does not compromise its conservation and preservation values.
- 2.2 To provide for the recreation and sporting activities and the enhancement of the physical welfare, with emphasis on the retention of open space and recreational activities.
- 2.3 To encourage and facilitate the wise use of the land for active and passive recreation pursuits to an extent that is compatible with sound conservation and preservation objectives.
- 2.4 To maintain and develop vegetation to improve the visual effect and provide shelter for users of the park.
- 2.5 To allow the Local Purpose Reserve to be managed for waterworks purposes so as to safeguard the quality of the City's drinking water and to ensure the continuity of supply.
- 2.6 To investigate the possibility of providing a walkway, or greenway, linking Donovan Park, Myers Reserve and Thomsons Bush as part of an open space network for the City.

3.0 POLICIES

Note: Where the policies in this Management Plan refer to the term "Council" this means the Parks Manager and/or the Parks Division as the nominated representative of the Invercargill City Council, unless otherwise stated.

3.1 GENERAL USE

Reserves are a major source of open space in the City and are provided for the benefit, enjoyment and use of the public. "Use" policies guide the response of Council to applications to use the reserves. The scope of "uses" that may be proposed is wide and includes: sport, passive recreation, art and cultural events, commercial promotions and festival activities.

Council reserves the right to decline a proposal for use of a reserve, or take action as it sees fit against a user, or stop a use, if the use is likely to cause any adverse effects to the reserve, reserve users or reserve neighbours.

Council occasionally receives applications for the use of reserves for temporary or long-term commercial activities. Commercial activities are an acceptable part of the range of activities within the reserves of the City provided they are consistent with the primary purpose of the reserves as classified under the Reserves Act 1977. The activities should not adversely impact on the reserve, reserve values, reserve users or reserve neighbours.

Long-term non-commercial use of a reserve occurs predominantly through lease arrangements and generally relates to non-commercial activities carried out from sports fields, clubhouses, halls and other indoor facilities and community group buildings. This generally means long-term enclosure of reserve space for the use by a particular group that then obtains a greater benefit than that received by the general public.

Objective:

- *To allow and encourage public use that is compatible with the purpose of the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.1.1 The utilisation of Myers Reserve shall be in compliance with its classifications as Recreation and Local Purpose Reserves and the policies set out in this Management Plan.
- 3.1.2 Access to Myers Reserve will be free of charge to the general public except as provided for in Policy 3.1.4 or where exclusive use has been granted.
- 3.1.3 All events in Myers Reserve must be booked in advance with the Parks Division and users must comply with the "Terms and Conditions" for use of the Reserve. These terms and conditions are reviewed and updated from time to time.

- 3.1.4 Council may charge a fee for use of Myers Reserve where the user gains a special benefit that is not available to other reserve users, or where there are costs associated with the activity or event.
- 3.1.5 Myers Reserve facility and park fees and charges are adopted by Council annually and are identified in Council's Annual Plan.
- 3.1.6 Where necessary, Council will consider temporary closure of a reserve, or part of a reserve, in conjunction with statutory requirements for the protection and wellbeing of Myers Reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it.
- 3.1.7 Council may grant a permit for commercial activities to temporarily occupy part of Myers Reserve for a period of up to six consecutive days (Section 54(1) (d) and Section 56(1) (b) Reserves Act 1977), if it is necessary to enable the public to obtain the benefit and enjoyment of the reserve or for the convenience of those using the reserve.
- 3.1.8 Council may grant a long-term lease or licence for a recreation or commercial activity to occupy part of Myers Reserve where the activity complies with the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.1.9 Any user of Myers Reserve shall be responsible for ensuring that any adverse effects on the reserve and reserve values, reserve users or reserve neighbours can be avoided, remedied or mitigated, except as otherwise authorised by Council and includes compliance with Council bylaws.

3.2 ACCESS INTO AND THROUGH RESERVES

The level and standard of access provided into Myers Reserve needs to be appropriate to the reserve classification, reserve values and the anticipated level of public utilisation of the reserve.

At various times Council may close the reserve or parts of the reserve for issues of safety, maintenance, development and wildlife protection. Some events may also require temporary closure of part of the reserve, or temporary vehicle access into the reserve by opening up the gates to allow for extra parking if required. Some occupation agreements may allow restricted access by the general public into areas of the reserve by the use of fences and/or forms of barriers.

Motorised and non-motorised vehicles on reserves can be a source of danger to other reserve users and may have the potential to cause damage to reserves. Tracks and footpaths are often integral to the ease of use and enjoyment of a reserve by users, providing recreational opportunities and links between areas.



Council is committed to working towards the removal of barriers to the participation of the elderly or people with limited mobility in leisure and recreational activities on reserves. Improved access to parks and reserves can

increase the use of a park by enhancing comfort and convenience for a range of users and provide significant safety benefits.

It will not always be feasible or desirable to make all facilities fully accessible. Different degrees of accessibility will be achievable at different sites.

Wherever possible, the design or upgrade of a facility shall incorporate features that allow easy access for the elderly or people with limited mobility. For features to be recognised as fully accessible they need to comply with national standards.

Objectives:

- *To ensure the public has freedom of entry, access and use of the reserve subject to any necessary conditions, restrictions, or limitations of use from time to time.*
- *To ensure pedestrian safety by restricting vehicle access on the reserve.*
- *To allow tracks, cycle ways and footpaths over the reserve.*
- *To improve access to the reserve where practical and feasible to ensure everyone is able to enjoy it.*

Policies:

- 3.2.1 Myers Reserve will be open for public access except where restrictions and limitations are necessary for the reserve's protection and management, exclusive activities or public safety.
- 3.2.2 Existing car parking shall be maintained to a level which is compatible with the nature of the reserve in a style that does not detract from its aesthetic qualities or recreational use
- 3.2.3 All motorised vehicles must keep to the designated car park. Only those vehicles for emergency or authorised by Council are allowed within the reserve.
- 3.2.4 Where car parking areas are provided for clubs or organisations, all costs relating to the formation and maintenance of the car park shall be borne by the club or organisation concerned.
- 3.2.5 Temporary vehicle access for special events may be granted for specific purposes and then terminated at the completion of the event.
- 3.2.6 Non-motorised vehicles such as skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles and any other form of non-motorised vehicles shall be permitted on reserve tracks unless specifically signposted as prohibited, provided they do not endanger other reserve users, cause damage to the reserve in any way, or make undue noise. Pedestrians have right of way over non-motorised vehicles.
- 3.2.7 Council shall use current New Zealand Standards as a guide to developing and maintaining walking tracks on the reserve. All walking tracks on Myers Reserve shall be developed and maintained to the "path" standard where resources permit.

- 3.2.8 Where practicable, paths and tracks on Myers Reserve shall be maintained at a standard that allows unrestricted use by pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- 3.2.9 Myers Reserve facilities and landscaping will be designed and upgraded, where practical and feasible, to meet the current national standard and design criteria for access for people with disabilities.

3.3 BOUNDARIES AND FENCES

Council reserves adjoin a variety of land uses in settings from urban to rural with a range of fencing styles. Myers Reserve is directly bounded by residential housing. While Council aims to meet its Fencing Act 1978 obligations, it is important that ratepayers are not burdened with paying for boundary fencing that exceeds the standard of fence beyond that which is considered a minimum requirement.

Council sets a maximum contribution towards half the materials based on a cost per lineal metre for an appropriate standard fence style which is reviewed annually. If a boundary fence is considered necessary, a contribution from Council may be made subject to an application being received in writing. Once it is determined that a new fence is required or the current fence should be replaced, the applicant is advised.

All applications for a fence will be assessed on its design in terms of visual permeability and its contribution to the attractiveness of the reserve.

Fences and barriers may be required within reserves to prevent vehicular access to sports grounds and, where it is desirable, to enclose service areas or the premises of exclusive sporting users.

Objectives:

- *To meet boundary/fencing obligations under the Fencing Act 1978 where required.*
- *To limit the number of fences or barriers on reserves to those which will protect reserve values, reduce the adverse effects on reserve neighbours, or which ensure the reserve can be used safely.*
- *To protect reserve values and encourage freedom of public movement into and through reserves.*

Policies:

- 3.3.1 Council will assess requests for contribution towards construction of Myers Reserve boundary fences only when it is deemed necessary and where it is to be established on the correct legal boundary.
- 3.3.2 Council will meet its boundary fencing obligations under the Fencing Act 1978 where there is a justifiable need. Council shall contribute on a per metre basis up to a maximum amount based on the current rate at the time of application as approved by Council resolution annually. Council shall in each case assess the type of fence appropriate to the character, use and environs of the reserve.

- 3.3.3 Where a Myers Reserve occupier requests the enclosure of its facilities, the cost of erecting and maintaining appropriate fences to the satisfaction of Council shall be borne by the reserve occupier and requires written approval from the Parks Manager for colour and design prior to construction.
- 3.3.4 Enclosure of an activity or feature within Myers Reserve with a fence or barrier will only be permitted if there is a justifiable need, e.g. protecting other reserve users from the effects of the activity and protecting reserve values.
- 3.3.5 Boundary fences shall be kept clear of any invasive weeds

3.4 TREES AND VEGETATION

Trees and vegetation contribute to the amenity, historical, environmental, cultural and landscape values of a reserve.



It is important to actively manage and maintain vegetation on reserves where possible. However, from time to time vegetation can become a nuisance or danger to reserve users and reserve neighbours and can affect the use or enjoyment of the reserve or adjoining properties. Council will consider remedial action where appropriate to resolve these problems.

People regularly approach the Parks Division requesting permission to collect firewood, cones and pine needles from fallen or cut trees on reserves. Firewood permits are generally only given to non-profit community groups or individuals for personal use only.

Objectives:

- *To display a variety of trees and shrubs in Myers Reserve.*
- *To develop and maintain the vegetation on Myers Reserve as a significant function contributing to the Reserve's attractiveness and popularity.*
- *To maximise the benefits of vegetation on reserves while avoiding, minimising or mitigating the adverse effects on reserve neighbours.*
- *To control the removal of wood from felled or fallen trees for safety, landscape or management purposes.*
- *To control the unauthorised removal of vegetation from reserves.*
- *To ensure the integrity of shelter is maintained into the future.*

Policies:

- 3.4.1 Planting and maintenance of vegetation in Myers Reserve shall be planned strategically and designed to enhance and protect the reserve's scenic and horticultural qualities and natural character.
- 3.4.2 Planting and management of vegetation in Myers Reserve will take into account:
- (a) Management objectives and policies for the reserve.
 - (b) Any landscape plans for the reserve.
 - (c) The effect the vegetation will have on adjacent properties at the time of planting and in the future.
 - (d) The effect the vegetation will have on underground and network utility infrastructure.
 - (e) Horticultural, landscape and ecological considerations.
- 3.4.3 Maintenance, adding or removal of vegetation will only be undertaken by Council, or Council approved contractors, unless written approval from Council has been received.
- 3.4.4 Before making any decision on complaints received about trees on reserves, Council will firstly consider and assess the effect of the alleged nuisance by:
- (a) Discussing the issue(s) with the affected party(s').
 - (b) Considering the potential danger to life and property.
 - (c) Considering the interests of the public and reserve users.
 - (d) Considering the value and protection of the tree.
 - (e) Considering the purpose and classification of the reserve.
- 3.4.5 Firewood permits may be granted to groups and individuals for a fee for the removal of exotic wood from felled or fallen trees, or from pruning operations upon application.
- 3.4.6 All individuals or groups given permission to collect or remove firewood from a reserve shall follow the current Invercargill City Council Parks Division Chainsaw Safety Standard. No live or standing trees or vegetation are to be removed or damaged during firewood removal operations.

3.5 BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Reserves are created principally for the provision of open space and natural areas. Some buildings and structures such as changing rooms, toilets and clubrooms are considered necessary for the enjoyment and full utilisation of the Reserves and are allowed for in the Reserves Act 1977.

Objectives:

- *To provide and maintain well designed and appropriately located buildings and structures on the reserve to improve utilisation and add to the enjoyment of the reserve by its users.*
- *To ensure that all reserve facilities are maintained to an appropriate standard that enhances amenity values of the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.5.1 Any proposal to develop a building or structure on Myers Reserve will be dependent on the availability of resources.
- 3.5.2 Applications for new buildings or changes to existing buildings on Myers Reserve require Council approval and shall meet the Objectives and Policies of 3.25.1 - Requests for Development on Reserves with particular emphasis on Policy 3.25.1.9 which identifies the requirements of any development plan.
- 3.5.3 The design of any building or structure on Myers Reserve shall be subject to Council approval and shall be in keeping with the surroundings to enhance and complement the landscape.
- 3.5.4 Buildings and structures on Myers Reserve shall be designed to a high standard and where practical, be designed to limit the opportunity for vandalism.
- 3.5.5 Buildings and structures on Myers Reserve will be designed or upgraded, where practical and feasible, to meet the current national standard and design criteria for access for people with limited mobility.
- 3.5.6 Applications for extensions to existing buildings shall only be granted where the extension is seen as enhancing the enjoyment and full utilisation of the reserve.
- 3.5.7 Exterior colour schemes of buildings and structures on Myers Reserve shall be approved by Council. The painting and creation of murals (not advertising) on buildings and structures may be considered on submission of a copy of the design and proposed colour scheme to Council.
- 3.5.8 The number of buildings and structures on Myers Reserve will be limited to a level which facilitates the safe and appropriate use of the reserve.
- 3.5.9 The open space and natural amenity values of Myers Reserve will be protected and managed by only allowing those buildings and structures which complement the reserve.
- 3.5.10 Where appropriate, buildings on Myers Reserve shall be shared with other recreation users of the reserve and, when not required for events or gatherings, made available for other non commercial community use.
- 3.5.11 The establishment, design and maintenance of new or existing public toilets in Myers Reserve shall take into account current New Zealand Standards.
- 3.5.12 The number and location of new or existing public toilets on Myers Reserve shall be kept under constant review.
- 3.5.13 Any tenanted buildings are to be maintained to a presentable standard of high quality for visitors to see.
- 3.5.14 Clubs and associations shall be responsible for maintenance of their buildings and facilities on Myers Reserve to an appropriate standard as determined by Council.
- 3.5.15 Clubs and associations shall be responsible for the full cost of removal of any building and associated facilities when no longer required.

- 3.5.16 No application for extensions will be granted to those buildings in Myers Reserve that are classified as non-conforming buildings.

3.6 OCCUPATION AGREEMENTS

The term 'occupation agreement' refers to any lease, license, easement or other agreement granted between Council and a person, organisation or company that is occupying part of a reserve.

Council's power to grant an occupation agreement over reserves varies depending on the status of the reserve concerned and the rights transferred from the Crown. Any application will require Council approval and be subject to the objectives and policies of this plan.

Objectives:

- *To permit the occupation of reserves for approved individuals, groups, uses or facilities by the granting of occupation agreements.*
- *To balance the retention of open space with appropriate use and occupation of reserves.*
- *To ensure public accountability of reserve management.*
- *To ensure adequate remedy or mitigation of any adverse effects on reserve values caused by leases, licences, easements or other occupation agreements.*
- *To ensure that all costs associated with the development and implementation of occupation agreements are the responsibility of the applicant.*

Policies:

- 3.6.1 All organisations with buildings, facilities or easements on Myers Reserve shall be required to hold an occupation agreement as provided for by the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.6.2 Application for any new occupation agreement on Myers Reserve will be in writing providing detailed information about the type of occupation. Applications for occupation agreements shall meet the Objectives and Policies of 3.25.1 – Requests for Development on Reserves with particular emphasis on Policy 3.25.1.9 which identifies the requirements of any development plan. Information provided will allow Council to assess all applications in an equitable and consistent manner.
- 3.6.3 The approved occupier of any area in Myers Reserve shall not sublet, assign, transfer, mortgage or part with possession of any part of the land or building without the prior consent of the Council.
- 3.6.4 Council shall draw up leases and licences subject to the provisions contained in the First Schedule, and the Sections of the Reserves Act 1977 relevant to the reserve classification and purpose of the lease or licence.

- 3.6.5 Easements shall be subject to Sections 48 and 48A of the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.6.6 All costs associated with occupation agreements shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- 3.6.7 Occupation agreements shall include clear steps to be taken in the event of a reserve facility or building being no longer required by an occupier, lessor or owner before the end of any occupation agreement.

3.7 OUTDOOR FURNITURE

Providing outdoor furniture on reserves that are appropriately designed and blend in with the surrounding landscape can add to the user's enjoyment of a reserve. Current outdoor furniture such as seating and any future furniture such as picnic tables, rubbish bins and cycle racks need/would need to be maintained so that they remain an attractive asset to the reserve and do not become a safety hazard.



Objective:

- *To provide outdoor furniture that enhances the experience of the reserve user.*

Policies:

- 3.7.1 Any future provision of outdoor furniture will be dependent on the availability of resources and the demand for it.
- 3.7.2 Outdoor furniture on Myers Reserve shall be designed to a high standard.
- 3.7.3 Outdoor furniture shall be provided in Myers Reserve where an identified need has been established and where resources permit. The number, design and placement of outdoor furniture shall be in keeping with the purpose and levels of use of the reserve and appropriate to the setting.

3.8 MONUMENTS, ART WORK AND SCULPTURE DISPLAYS

Objective:

- *To provide monuments, art work and sculpture displays to enhance the experience for visitors to the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.8.1 Monuments, art work and sculpture displays will be considered where appropriate and practical so it is in keeping with the natural and surrounding character of the reserve.

- 3.8.2 Materials and colour schemes of monuments, art work and sculpture displays shall be approved by Council. The creation, materials and colours of monuments, art work and sculpture displays may be considered on submission of a copy of the design and proposed colour scheme to Council.
- 3.8.3 Monuments, art work and sculpture displays will be designed to a high standard and, where practical, be designed to limit the opportunity for vandalism.
- 3.8.4 Permanent monuments, art work and sculpture displays in reserves will need to be robust, weatherproof and long lasting.
- 3.8.5 Maintenance of monuments, art work and sculpture displays in reserves will be undertaken by Council, or Council approved operators.
- 3.8.6 The design of any monuments, art work and sculpture displays shall be subject to Council approval and shall be in keeping with the surrounds to enhance and complement the landscape.
- 3.8.7 Temporary monuments, art work and sculpture displays are allowed on reserves until such time as the purpose for the display is finished and then they will be removed. They will be the responsibility of the event organisers or reserve occupiers.
- 3.8.8 Any proposals for monuments, art work and sculptures will be subject to the siting of them not compromising the other values of the park.

3.9 NETWORK UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Utility infrastructure can impact on reserve values, neighbours and users by restricting the current use of a reserve and the potential development of the reserve for future enjoyment. It is not desirable to have network utility infrastructure on reserves and reserves should not be regarded as infrastructure corridors. 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.

Objectives:

- *To allow network utility operators conditional access to the reserve for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, ongoing operation and upgrading of existing utility infrastructure.*
- *To ensure adverse effects of network utility infrastructure on the reserve values, users and neighbours are able to be avoided, remedied, compensated or mitigated.*
- *To permit network utility infrastructure only where it is deemed essential for the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.9.1 No new network utility infrastructure will be permitted on Myers Reserve unless a definite benefit to Myers Reserve can be established. Any new network utility infrastructure deemed essential for a reserve shall be laid underground.

- 3.9.2 Council will permit network utility operators conditional access to reserve land to inspect, maintain, operate or upgrade existing works, subject to the provisions of the relevant empowering Acts, the Reserves Act 1977 and conditions of Council.
- 3.9.3 The utility provider is responsible for all costs associated with temporary closures of the reserve and the costs of reinstatement in the event of damage to the reserve from the network utility infrastructure.
- 3.9.4 Network utility operators must supply a useable and up-to-date "as built" infrastructure plan in a form and detail agreed with Council officers, including information regarding their location on the reserve as a condition of any occupation agreement.

3.10 SIGNS

Signs inform the public of their responsibilities as users of the reserve and advise users of the management and maintenance responsibilities of the reserve and its facilities.

Signs are also used as a way of educating and informing the public on features of parks and reserves and should make it easier for users to find their way around parks and reserves and locate areas of interest.



The implementation of the policies on signs on reserves is subject to the appropriate provisions of Council Bylaws, District plan rules and the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

Objectives:

- *To provide signs that assist in user orientation and park legibility.*
- *To minimise the adverse visual effects of signs while maximising useful information to reserve users.*
- *To ensure consistent sign information, styles and types on the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.10.1 Council shall use current New Zealand Standards as a guide when providing and maintaining signs on Myers Reserve.
- 3.10.2 Signs on the reserve shall be for the purpose of proper management, administration and control of the reserve.
- 3.10.3 The number of signs shall be kept to the minimum number required to meet the needs of users.
- 3.10.4 Permanent advertising signs are not permitted on Myers Reserve. Permanent signs for trade advertising may be permitted with the approval of Council only

when the sign is to be located within an enclosed sports area and only where the sign will not be visible from outside the sports area.

- 3.10.5 Temporary advertising intended to alert or inform the public about a forthcoming event or attractions on the reserve may be permitted at the discretion of Council. The position of all temporary advertising shall be approved by Council. All costs shall be the responsibility of the applicant and temporary signs shall remain in place for a maximum of 14 days.
- 3.10.6 Reserve occupiers must apply to Council to place signage on their buildings. The size, style and scale of signage will be taken into consideration and in particular, the effect or visual impact the sign will have on reserve users and reserve neighbours. All signs on buildings shall be limited to the name of the club or organisation and shall be within the dimensions of 3m long by 1.2m deep and to a maximum area of 1.5m². Any requests for signage outside these dimensions must be approved by way of Council resolution.
- 3.10.7 Reserve occupiers will be responsible for meeting the costs of producing, erecting, maintaining, removing and replacing signs relating to their activity to be located on or adjacent to their buildings.

3.11 LIGHTING

Council recognises that some reserve user groups wish to operate at night and some members of the public wish to walk through the reserve at night. Sufficient lighting in high use areas is important so that people can see and be seen. The aim with lighting is to enhance the real and perceived safety of the environment.

While lighting can be considered an essential component of night use in a reserve area, it is appropriate that the cost should fall to those who attract users of the facility at night. It is also important that the effects of lighting on reserve neighbours are taken into consideration.

Objectives:

- *To allow car park and access way lighting where appropriate.*
- *To enhance the real and perceived safety of the reserve through the provision of lighting along key pedestrian paths.*

Policies:

- 3.11.1 Council will only consider the provision of lighting on Myers Reserve where there is a clear public benefit or for amenity, security and safety reasons.
- 3.11.2 The Myers Reserve occupier is responsible for the provision and maintenance of lighting associated with their activity, with the approval of Council.
- 3.11.3 Council shall consider current best practise and lighting engineering standards, energy efficiency and appropriate design for the location when establishing new lighting fixtures on Myers Reserve.
- 3.11.4 The light spill generated from any activity on Myers Reserve shall not exceed 5 lux at any residential boundary between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

- 3.11.5 Where an identifiable beneficiary from Council's lighting of car parks and access ways exists, the full operation, maintenance and replacement costs will be passed onto this beneficiary.

3.12 DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH

Council is committed to reducing the amount of rubbish that is deposited on Council land. The dumping of rubbish on reserves or the inappropriate use of existing rubbish disposal facilities can detract from the reserve values and the proper functioning of reserves.

Council is also concerned about the impact garden escapees can have on areas of environmental importance. Garden escapees, or weeds, often come from garden waste being dumped onto neighbouring reserve land. While Myers Reserve is not an environmental reserve, there is still a cost in cleaning up and removing dumped garden waste.

Objectives:

- *To preserve reserve values through appropriate disposal and collection of rubbish and garden waste.*
- *To encourage reserve users to act responsibly by requiring them to take home their rubbish.*

Policies:

- 3.12.1 No person shall deposit any domestic refuse, trade waste, garden refuse, rubble or other debris on Myers Reserve without approval of Council.
- 3.12.2 Reserve user groups are responsible for ensuring the area of their responsibility is kept clear of rubbish.
- 3.12.3 Event organisers are responsible for collection and disposal of rubbish when the reserve is booked for events.
- 3.12.4 There are currently no rubbish bins provided on Myers Reserve. Visitors are required to take their rubbish home with them. Rubbish bins are not anticipated for the future but will be kept under review.

3.13 FIRES ON RESERVES

Fires on reserves have the potential to cause significant damage to habitat, buildings and structures on reserves and to adjacent property.

Objective:

- *To protect natural habitat, buildings and structures on the reserve from damage and destruction of uncontrolled fires.*

Policy:

- 3.13.1 The lighting of fires on Myers Reserve outside of a contained gas barbeque is not permitted without the prior written authorisation from Council.

3.14 FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

Groups occasionally wish to use reserves for fireworks displays. These displays are controlled by legislation other than the Reserves Act 1977 but require permission from Council when the activity is to occur on a reserve.

Objective:

- *To allow fireworks displays on the reserve if adverse effects on reserve values, reserve users and reserve neighbours can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.*

Policies:

- 3.14.1 Fireworks displays by organised groups may be allowed on Myers Reserve with prior written authorisation from Council.
- 3.14.2 Applicants wishing to use Myers Reserve for fireworks displays must provide evidence they have met the requirements of relevant legislation, regulations, codes and permits and provide an acceptable Risk Management Plan before final permission will be granted.
- 3.14.3 Proof of adequate public liability insurance is required for permission to be granted for fireworks displays on Myers Reserve.

3.15 LIQUOR CONSUMPTION AND SALE

The selling of liquor is seen as one means of reserve occupiers raising funds for their activity. Reserve users can also request consent for special or one off events where liquor is sold or supplied incidental to the principal purpose of the occasion or event being held.

Objective:

- *To allow the consumption and sale of liquor on the reserve where the effects on the reserve, reserve values, reserve users and reserve neighbours can be avoided, remedied or mitigated and the relevant statutory and Bylaw requirements are met.*

Policy:

- 3.15.1 Council will not oppose the granting of liquor licences for premises located on Myers Reserve or special licenses in defined areas for one off types of events where:
- (a) The granting of permission is consistent with the purpose of the reserve.

- (b) The effects on the reserve, reserve values, reserve users and reserve neighbours can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- (c) Applicants can provide evidence they have met the requirements of relevant legislation, regulations, codes and permits.

3.16 PEST PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Pest plants and animals are a threat to the health of the environment. Some pest species contribute significant detrimental effects on native plants, animals and ecological processes, or impose an adverse visual impact on the landscape.

Effective control of weeds and animals is undertaken to comply with the Regional Pest Management Strategy for Southland.

Objective:

- *To minimise the impact of pest plants and animals on reserve values, reserve users and reserve neighbours.*

Policies:

- 3.16.1 Pest plants and animals on Myers Reserve shall be controlled in accordance with the "Regional Pest Management Strategy - May 2007" or any subsequent reviews of this Strategy.
- 3.16.2 Council will endeavour to remove invasive weed and pest animal species from Myers Reserve by approved control methods.
- 3.16.3 Animals and birds deliberately abandoned in Myers Reserve may be considered a pest and destroyed.
- 3.16.4 Council will liaise, support, assist and cooperate with Regional Council and other interest groups to provide for the detection and control of pest plants and animals in Myers Reserve.

3.17 CAMPING

Camping is only permitted on reserves administered under the Reserves Act 1977 in the Invercargill District in camping grounds specific to that purpose. Potential problems resulting from campers on reserves include toilet waste disposal, rubbish and damage to parks.

There are registered camping grounds on reserves in Bluff and at Sandy Point, as well as other private facilities, that provide adequate camping grounds for visitors to the City.

Objectives:

- *To conserve the public health, well being and safety of the public while on the reserve.*

- *To ensure the public have equity of use over reserves under the Council's control.*
- *To prohibit camping in the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.17.1 Camping is not permitted on Myers Reserve.
- 3.17.2 In special circumstances, camping on Myers Reserve for one off events may be approved by Council resolution.

3.18 DOGS ON RESERVES

Council adopted the Dog Control Policy for Parks and Reserves in May 2005. This policy refers only to dogs on the parks, reserves and open spaces managed and controlled by the Parks Division.

Dog faeces can carry disease which can affect humans and other dogs. When a dog fouls in public, the person controlling the dog is responsible for the immediate removal of the faeces.

Objectives:

- *To provide environments within the city's parks and reserves where dogs and people can happily co-exist.*
- *To allow dogs and their owners reasonable access to the city's parks and reserves, at the same time protecting the safety and comfort for all users.*
- *To make available areas of open space in the city's parks and reserves, which provide reasonable exercise and recreational opportunities for dogs and their owners.*
- *To minimise danger and/or nuisance caused by dogs to the public or to wildlife and natural habitats on the city's parks and reserves.*
- *To provide appropriate signage and public notification to dog owners (or those people exercising their dogs) informing them of their responsibilities while using the city's parks and reserves.*

Policies:

- 3.18.1 Access
Appropriate levels of access to parks and reserves for dogs and their owners shall be made available.
- 3.18.2 Safety and Conflict
Dog access to parks and reserves shall be restricted or, in some cases, prohibited where the likelihood of conflict exists between dogs, the public or the environment.

- 3.18.3 **Exercise Areas**
Dog exercise areas shall be made available to provide sufficient opportunities for the needs of dogs in the city's parks and reserves.
- 3.18.4 **Signage and Education**
A review of the dog control signage on parks and reserves in the city shall be carried out with a goal of standardising and simplifying this. Opportunities for informing the public on dog control policies on parks and reserves, such as newsletters, media releases and advertising shall also be considered. Appropriate signage will be erected at various locations to assist dog owners in complying with this policy.
- 3.18.5 **Dog Fouling**
Every person, whose dog defecates on any city park or reserve, is required to remove the deposited faeces from the reserve area immediately or dispose of the material in a suitable receptacle.
- 3.18.6 **Responsibilities**
It is the responsibility of the person exercising the dog on the city's parks and reserves to ensure the dog is fully registered and that it complies with any other Council dog control bylaw.
- 3.18.7 **Enforcement**
Parks Division officers shall convey the agreed policies to dog owners when observing any offence. Enforcement will be via Council's dog control officers and, if necessary, by provision of the Reserves Act 1977, parks rangers and the introduction of bylaws.

Definitions

Dogs-on-a-Leash Areas

Areas where dogs are required to be leashed at all times are –

- All parks and reserves in the Invercargill City Council area, with the exception of areas classified as –
 - Dog-prohibited areas.
 - Designated dog-exercise areas.

Dogs-on-a-leash areas include all walking tracks on parks "short walks" and all cemeteries and crematoria areas. A list of walking tracks is located in the Parks office.

Dog-Prohibited Areas

Areas where dogs are prohibited are –

- Anywhere within ten metres of any children's play equipment, including skateboard ramps and paddling pools.
- The designated playing areas of all marked sports fields.
- The areas around the Sandy Point ponds and lagoons specifically designated as wildlife habitats [refer to Sandy Point Management Plan].
- The area around and in the Donovan Park pond where there is risk of disturbing wildlife [refer to Donovan Park Management Plan].
- Areas that from time to time the Council will notify by way of signage and advertising that there is a temporary dog prohibition in place because of wildlife, stock or other issue.

Designated Dog-Exercise Areas

These are areas designated for dog exercise where dogs are permitted to be at large while under continuous surveillance and effective control. Maps showing these areas are located in the Parks office.

- Sandy Point Domain, excluding playgrounds, marked sports fields and the ponds and lagoons designated as wildlife habitats. Dogs must be on a lead while on all formed walking tracks.
- Donovan Park, excluding marked sports fields and the Donovan Park pond where there is a risk of disturbing wildlife.
- Elizabeth Park, excluding playgrounds. Dogs must be on a lead while on all formed walking tracks.
- Turnbull Thomson Park, excluding playgrounds and marked sports fields. Dogs must be on a lead while on all formed walking tracks.

Notes

- *The person exercising the dog must be able to control it as if it was on a leash. If the person exercising the dog cannot stop or retrieve the dog immediately with a whistle or call, then the person cannot exercise their dog with its leash off.*
- *The person exercising the dog must carry a leash at all times.*
- *The person exercising the dog must be capable of restraining the dog.*
- *The person exercising the dog is responsible for removing any deposited faeces from the dog exercising area.*

3.19 DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL

Uncontrolled domestic animals can cause damage to plants and soil structure of reserves and may endanger other reserve users.

Objective:

- *To protect the vegetation and soil structure of the reserve and to provide a safe and attractive reserve for all users.*

Policy:

- 3.19.1 Uncontrolled animals are not permitted on Myers Reserve unless otherwise provided with written permission from Council.

3.20 PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT

The provision of a variety of well-maintained and safe play equipment throughout the District is important for the development of the District's children. Play equipment complements the areas of open space available to children for informal play.

There are no playgrounds and play equipment currently on Myers Reserve. However, Council is undertaking a comprehensive city-wide review of future play needs.

Objectives:

- *To develop and maintain areas of reserves for children's play.*
- *To ensure an acceptable level of health and safety is provided for playground users.*
- *To create playgrounds that are stimulating and fun, to encourage children to engage in physical activity.*

Policies:

- 3.20.1 Any proposal to develop a playground on Myers Reserve will be dependent on the availability of resources.
- 3.20.2 Myers Reserve play equipment shall be maintained and upgraded as required to provide quality play equipment and high play value.
- 3.20.3 All new or upgraded playgrounds and play equipment constructed on Myers Reserve shall comply with the New Zealand Safety Standard for playgrounds - NZS: 5828:2004 or any subsequent review of this standard.
- 3.20.4 All playgrounds and play equipment on Myers Reserve shall be given a monthly maintenance inspection and a six monthly safety inspection to ensure all pieces of equipment are maintained to a safe standard and meet the current New Zealand Safety Standard for Playgrounds.
- 3.20.5 Informal play opportunities shall be encouraged through the design of open spaces within Myers Reserve using the natural landforms and existing features.

3.21 HEALTHY AND ACTIVE PARKS

Council has a role to play in providing public spaces that offer healthy and active opportunities for the public. One of the key outcomes of the "Our Way Invercargill"¹ strategy plan is "Health and Wellbeing - We are healthy people". This aligns with the "Healthy Eating - Healthy Action (HEHA)" strategy developed by the Ministry of Health as an approach to improving nutrition, increasing physical activity and achieving healthy weight for all New Zealanders

Some of the ways Council can contribute to the "Health and Wellbeing" outcome is through providing opportunities in our parks which include:

- Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles:
 - promoting a 'smoke free' environment;
 - promoting healthy eating.
- Encouraging Active Lifestyles:
 - providing activity friendly environments;
 - promoting active use of the Park;
 - providing equity of provision in terms of culture and ability.

¹ 'Our Way Invercargill' Long Tern Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2006 – 2016, Invercargill City Council

Objective:

- *To encourage healthy and active lifestyles for Invercargill residents through use of the reserve.*

Policies:

- 3.21.1 Groups booking events in Myers Reserve will be encouraged to provide healthy food alternatives at their event.
- 3.21.2 Council will consider the cultural needs and physical abilities of potential users when designing environments in Myers Reserve to ensure the reserve is welcoming and functional for all.

3.22 SMOKE FREE PARKS AND RESERVESObjectives:

- *To encourage healthy and active lifestyles for Invercargill residents through use of parks and reserves as Smoke Free areas.*
- *That this be promoted in all Invercargill City Council Parks and in particular, within 20 metres of play equipment; entrances to the Queens Park Aviary and Queens Park Animal Reserve; and all marked sports fields.*
- *That the public be encouraged through signage and publicity to maintain a clean, healthy environment in these areas.*
- *That this become a policy in each of the Reserve Management Plans upon their drafting or review.*

Policies:

- 3.22.1 By designating and promoting all Invercargill City Council owned children's playgrounds, the Queens Park Aviary, Queens Park Animal Reserve, and areas designated as sports fields as Smoke free areas.
- 3.22.2 That this be promoted in all Council Parks and in particular within 20 metres of play equipment, entrances to the Queens Park Aviary and Queens Park Animal Reserve, and allocated sports fields.
- 3.22.3 That the public be encouraged through signage and publicity to maintain a clean, healthy environment in these areas.
- 3.22.4 That this become a Policy in each of the Reserve Management Plans upon their drafting or review.
- 3.22.5 That groups booking events on Invercargill City Council Parks will be encouraged to actively promote their event as Smoke Free.

3.23 ADMINISTRATION

Myers Reserve is a reserve vested in Council for Local Purpose and Recreation Reserve purposes.

Objective:

- *To comply with the Reserves Act 1977 requirements for administration and management.*

Policy:

- 3.23.1 The Invercargill City Council, through the Parks Manager, shall carry out the day to day administration and management of Myers Reserve, using Parks Division Assets and Operations Unit staff and contractors.

3.24 PLAN AMENDMENT AND REVIEW

The Reserves Act 1977 sets out clear requirements for the preparation, amendment and review of Reserve Management Plans.

Objective:

- *To ensure the Myers Reserve Management Plan is kept under review to reflect the needs of current and future users and to be consistent with current best practice management procedures.*

Policies:

- 3.24.1 Any change or amendment, not involving a comprehensive review of the Myers Reserve Management Plan, shall be made by adopting the procedures specified in Section 41(9) of the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.24.2 The Myers Reserve Management Plan shall be kept under continuous review as laid down in Section 41(4) of the Reserves Act 1977 and shall be operative from the date of signing for a period of ten years, at which time it will be completely reviewed.

3.25 DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE

3.25.1 Requests for Development on Reserves

Reserves are created principally for the provision and preservation of open space and natural areas. Some buildings and structures such as changing rooms, toilets, clubrooms, car parks and fences are considered necessary for the enjoyment and full utilisation of reserves and are allowed for in the Reserves Act 1977.

The landscape character of a reserve contributes to and enhances the City's environment and impacts on reserve users, reserve neighbours and people passing by. While certain activities and buildings are permitted on reserves it is

important to ensure that the effects of any structure or use does not impact negatively on reserve values, reserve users and reserve neighbours.

When considering an application to develop or change part of a reserve, Council will take into account the existing character of the reserve, including:

- The existing and potential use of the reserve; and
- The natural and built environment; and
- The surrounding landscape and the use of neighbouring land; and
- The purpose and classification of the reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and the management objectives stated in the current Reserve Management Plan.

Objectives:

- *To protect and enhance the open space, landscape and historical values of the reserve while providing adequate facilities for recreation and play.*
- *To ensure that development is appropriate to the reserve and that new developments complement and enhance the existing character of the reserve.*
- *To provide and maintain well designed and appropriately located buildings and structures in the reserve to improve utilisation and add to the enjoyment of the reserve by its users.*
- *To ensure that all reserve facilities are provided and maintained to an appropriate standard that meets public health and safety requirements and contributes to the attractiveness of the reserve.*
- *To ensure the costs associated with any development by/for a specific user group are met by that group.*

Policies:

- 3.25.1.1 The number of buildings and structures on Myers Reserve will be limited to a level which facilitates the safe and appropriate use, protects the open space and natural amenity values, while being compatible with the purpose and classification of the reserve.
- 3.25.1.2 Public safety, public benefit and the character of the environment should be taken into account when planning the development of buildings, structures and associated landscaping.
- 3.25.1.3 The construction of any new buildings or extensions to existing buildings is not permitted unless anticipated in the current Myers Reserve Management Plan and may be subject to a review or amendment to the Management Plan.
- 3.25.1.4 The design of the proposal shall be subject to Council approval and shall be in keeping with and complement the surroundings. Buildings and structures shall be placed with regard to reserve values, views and proximity to access points.

- 3.25.1.5 Exterior colour schemes of buildings and structures shall be approved by Council. The painting and creation of murals (not advertising) on buildings and structures may be considered on submission of a copy of the design and proposed colour scheme to Council.
- 3.25.1.6 The development shall be designed in a way that limits the opportunity for vandalism.
- 3.25.1.7 The development will be designed, where practical and feasible, to meet the current national standard and design criteria for access for people with disabilities.
- 3.25.1.8 The lease or licence to occupy agreement will define the obligations of the building owners on reserve land when the building is no longer required or the club has disbanded. These include removal or disposal of the building and facilities, or on-selling of the building to an approved recreational activity. Any outcome of this will be to the approval of Council.
- 3.25.1.9 Development plans are required for all development proposals for structures, facilities or buildings on Myers Reserve (including alterations and extensions to existing buildings) and will include an assessment of effects. In particular the proposal should address how adverse effects on the values of the reserve will be avoided, remedied or mitigated. The development plan shall include:
- (a) The location and design of proposed buildings, structures and landscaping including any car parking, lighting, fences and signage and the extent of the area required.
 - (b) Details of the size, scale, visual impact and relationship of the proposal to the surroundings.
 - (c) Any new building requirements as part of the development, or the changed use of existing buildings. Indicate any alterations required for existing buildings.
 - (d) Details of any known or potential liabilities associated with any existing building or structure being added to or modified.
 - (e) Any likely effects (adverse or otherwise) of the proposal on the landscape, environment and reserve users or reserve neighbours including visibility into and through the reserve and public safety.
 - (f) Details of any change or removal of any existing trees or vegetation.
 - (g) Details of any drainage and earthworks required and disruption to drainage patterns. Full restoration of disturbed landform during construction and landscaping and compliance with relevant legislation is the responsibility of the applicant.
 - (h) Details of any change or disruption to network utility infrastructure and details of infrastructure required as part of the development.
 - (i) Details of any specific landscaping requirements - species, screening or shelter.
 - (j) Consideration of existing users (both formal and informal) and the impact of this proposal on them. Any issues of public access, thoroughfare and egress on reserves and into any buildings and the loss of any open space including during construction phase.
 - (k) Details of any discussions with existing user groups.
 - (l) Anticipated user numbers and the times of use.
 - (m) Details of anticipated life of the structure and future maintenance requirements.

- (n) Details as to who will be responsible for all future maintenance and insurance for the buildings and structures. Acknowledgement of the club or group's responsibility if or when the building is no longer required or if the club disbands.
- (o) Details of the anticipated completion date and any plans to stage the development.
- (p) Any other matters arising as determined by Council.

4.0 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

A Reserve Management Plan is developed to reflect current reserve use and reserve values. A Management Plan should also highlight anticipated future development or change to the reserve and the likely impact a development will have on reserve users, reserve values and reserve neighbours. Any development not anticipated in, or meeting the policies of the current Reserve Management Plan, will require an amendment to the Management Plan.

Any future development at Myers Reserve shall only be to the extent which is in accordance with the overall management objectives and policies and subject to meeting the requirements defined in 3.25.1 - Requests for Development on Reserves. Before any development is implemented, it must be established that there is a need for such development and that what is proposed will be of benefit to Myers Reserve and to those using it.

Future developments are noted in the main text of this Management Plan. A concept plan is attached which shows the proposed future development of Myers Reserve.

Concept Goals:

Develop the reserve into an active family park with shared cycle/walking trails, a cycle jump park, kick-about space and seating while retaining the informal character.

Establish copses of trees for wind shelter and native shrub plantings.

Retain open space as meadow managed by occasional mowing with path edge mown regularly.

Provide a network of undulating paths and routes to encourage people into the park and beyond to connect with other paths to Thomson's Bush or Donovan Park.

Enhance several moist areas with damp loving native plants.

Recall the brickworks history of the site by incorporating clay bricks as design features at entrances and seating areas. Provide an opportunity to incorporate a sculptural element of clay brick material in the future.

Development will be staged over several years.

