

Elizabeth Park Draft Management Plan

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Section 41

The Management Plan for **insert park** was approved by the Invercargill City Council by resolution passed at its meeting held on **insert date**. 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 **insert date** and shall remain operative for a period of ten years.

Dated at INVERCARGILL this day of **insert year**.

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MANAGEMENT PLAN

ELIZABETH PARK

March ~~2012~~2020 – March ~~2022~~2030

PREFACE

The Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park (flown 2017)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Elizabeth Park is an important link in the City's parks systems. Covering over 14 hectares of land, the park contributes significantly to the open green space of the City. Its pathways are used as a thoroughfare by City residents who are walking and cycling through the park. The park provides for active recreational activities and is also used for casual sport, a BMX Track and two playgrounds.

Elizabeth Park has been classified as a ~~Majoran Outdoor Adventure~~ Major Outdoor Adventure Park within the Invercargill City Council Park categories. ~~Major Outdoor Adventure Parks provide both passive and active include recreational opportunities, can include activities and built facilities, requiring large open spacescale environments usually located on the outskirts or urban areas, sports fields and community clubrooms and are often highly modified. Other major parks around the city include Surrey Park, Turnbull Thomson Park and Donovan Park. so a wide range of recreation activities can be undertaken without directly impacting negatively on residential properties.~~

Parks are categorised according to their dominant characteristics and these assist Council with setting management objectives and assessing funding requirements for each reserve.

Management policies in this Management Plan have been included to reflect the needs of current and future users and to be consistent with current 'best practice' management procedures.

1.1 LOCATION

Elizabeth Park is situated at the southeast end of Invercargill and is bounded by the residential properties of John Street, Metzger Street, Nichol Street, Lauder Crescent, Gretna Street and Rimu Street.



Location of Elizabeth Park

1.2 ACCESS

Elizabeth Park is well situated with frontages onto John Street, Lime Street and Rimu Street. There are also a number of key access points and formed paths surrounding the park in which pedestrians and cyclists can use to access the park. These access points are along John Street, Lime Street, Rimu Street, Lauder Crescent and Centre Street.

Vehicle access to Elizabeth Park ends at the car parks off Lime Street and John Street. There is off-street parking along John Street and the roads that surround the perimeter of the park.

1.3 ADJOINING LAND USE

Elizabeth Park is situated in a predominantly residential area, with housing along the majority of the parks perimeter.

Calvary Hospital adjoins to part of the Park's north boundary.

1.4 HISTORY

Elizabeth Park was formerly known as Georgetown Reserve, which was acquired as a reserve contribution under Section 351 of the former Municipal Corporations Act 1954. Council received the block of land as a result of an extensive subdivision in the Newfield-Heidelberg area. In 1972 the reserve was renamed to Elizabeth Park in memory of the original owner, Elizabeth Stone.

Reserve land was used for grazing purposes between 1967-1975. It was also used for ploughing and to sow in Swedes as a saleable crop. Four acres of land was leased for growing potatoes and Swedes by the NZ Amateur Athletic Association from 1975 for a year. The focus then changed towards developing Elizabeth Park to make the park more attractive. This involved tree planting, the sowing of grass and fencing.

In 1967 the proposal for building a substation on Elizabeth Park was suggested, along with an extension of Lime Street to serve the proposed new substation and reserve, and to provide alternative access to the reserve. In 1969 the substation was built.

In the 1970s-1980s, along the north-western border of the reserve, a nursery housed shrubs and trees including flax and cabbage trees. The east of the reserve was used for growing wallflower.

At a Council meeting in 1984, Council resolved that the whole of the area, known as Elizabeth Park, be classified as Recreation Reserve and that the area occupied by the electricity substation be classified as Local Purpose Reserve – Substation Site. The effect of the resolution meant that Elizabeth Park, to date, may only be used for recreation purposes and the only buildings permitted on the reserve are those necessary for the outdoor use of the area.

2294m² of former reserve land was donated to the Calvary Hospital Flats Appeal Committee for the extension of the Calvary Hospital. Construction of 16 pensioner flats was to take place but this has not yet happened.

Continuing development work on the eastern half of Elizabeth Park (1980s) included: grassing down of the slopes, tree planting and the formation of walking paths.

There was a golf practice area developed on the western side of the reserve in the 1980s which lasted for approximately five years.

Council directed that a survey was to be carried out for residents in the area to determine community preferences regarding the future uses and development of Elizabeth Park. This took place in 1990-1991.

The Elizabeth Park Project Committee was formed to develop Elizabeth Park. Part of the committee's work involved the Elizabeth Park Play Structure Project, which was run by former Councillor Margaret Lamb, who formed the idea of a custom built playground after looking at playgrounds during a trip to Melbourne in 1991. Rod McCloy from The Recreation Company was appointed project designer in 1992.

The development of the park was seen as a community project which was coordinated by the Invercargill City Council. Stages of the playground's development were to be completed as funds became available. A fair, held on 13 March 1994, was one of the ways of raising funds.

Contributions towards the development of the playground included monetary donations from organisations such as the Invercargill City Council and Invercargill Licensing Trust, and materials from local suppliers, as well as

voluntary labour. The committee had allowed 12 months for fundraising and hoped to begin construction in 1992-1993.

As a commemoration of Margaret Lamb's contribution to developing Elizabeth Park, a plaque was later donated and this can be found attached to part of the play equipment.

1998 was the official opening for the BMX track. An Amenities Grant was awarded to the Southland BMX Club to extend and upgrade the track.

A pebble play area was installed in December 2019 for young children to have fun with the stones, buckets and chutes.



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*

Elizabeth Park is classified as follows:

- Recreation Reserve pursuant to Section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- Local Purpose Reserve (Electricity Substation) 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 Elizabeth Park is **15.0176 ha**. The tenure is as follows:

- Certificate of Title: 8C/272
Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 11625, Lot 38 DP 10684, Lots 7 and 8 and Part Lot 27 DP 10920, Part Lot 24 DP 8584 and Part Lot 95 DP 4925
Area: 14.8558 ha
Classification: Recreation Reserve
Subject to: Reserves Act 1977
- Certificate of Title: 7C/707
Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 11625
Area: 1618m²
Classification: Local Purpose (Electricity Substation) Reserve

1.5.3 **Occupiers**

- *Electricity Substation* – PowerNet.
- *BMX Track* – Southland BMX Club.

1.6 **AMENITY VALUE**

Elizabeth Park contributes to the open ‘green’ space of the City. The Park provides expansive open views from the properties that border onto the park and for people travelling through the park along the pathways.

Topographically, the park varies from relatively flat land in the western half to undulating land in the eastern half. Out of all of the City’s parks this is one of the few to have any great variation and for that reason it has been developed to grow into an interesting and attractive park.

1.7 **GENERAL PARK USE**

Elizabeth Park is used as a public park for outdoor recreation. There are two distinct areas. The western side is flatter. It is a grassed area of open space for public use, with scattered groups of plantings.

The eastern half is undulating and somewhat hilly and has vistas of the city and Mount Anglem on Stewart Island. This area is where the two playgrounds are situated.

A BMX track is located at the north end of the park off Lime Street-, which is proposed to be moved the north-east It is maintained and used by the Southland BMX Club members and is open to other members of the public.

Visitors passing through Elizabeth Park use the formed pathways for cycling and walking, including students who use Elizabeth Park as a link between their homes and their schools.

Invercargill Schools and clubs occasionally use Elizabeth Park for their cross country training and competition days.

1.7.1 **Playgrounds**

The main playground at Elizabeth Park is classified as a “Destination Playground” under the Parks and Recreation Division classification system. Destination Playgrounds are recognised throughout the city as playgrounds that people will travel to especially to enjoy the play facilities, and in some cases, other attractions.



A neighbourhood playground consisting of a seesaw and swings is located further along John Street towards the eastern side of the park. The future of this play space will be considered through the Play Strategy.



The main adventure playground is located along the John Street frontage of the park. Play equipment includes a flying fox, and play module with balance beams, slides and towers. Two slides are situated higher up on the bank behind the main playground.

The adventure playground is a popular playground that is worthy of regular review to ensure it provides the most appropriate equipment that stimulates and encourages play.

A pebble play area is available for young children to have fun with the stones, buckets and chutes.

Unfortunately the park's location attracts a lot of vandalism to the playground equipment. This is of major concern and discourages use and visits from other than local residents. Therefore, as a Destination Playground within the City's ~~Major~~ Parks, the adventure playground warrants special attention.

1.7.2 **BMX Track**

The official opening of the BMX track at Elizabeth Park was on 29 March, 1998. The track has been the venue for the South Island BMX Titles Meeting in 1997 and the New Zealand BMX Championships at Easter in 1999. The track is open for club days and competitions, and is also open to the public.

In July 1998 the Invercargill City Council agreed to issue a lease to the Southland BMX Club for the use of the BMX track and facilities at Elizabeth Park. The club maintains the track.

The Southland BMX Club and Invercargill City Council were allocated \$40,000 through the Community Trust of Southland Amenities Grants Scheme to complete the development of the track. The amenities grant has helped towards the development, upgrading and maintenance of the BMX track and facilities such as a commentator's box, lighting and a points hut.

Vegetation has been planted around the track to help beautify the area.

Southland BMX plan on shifting location east of the current track, with a possible area for a pump track and landscaping. A copy of the concept plans is located under 4.0 Future Development.

1.8 **FLORA**

There have been plantings of shrubs and trees over the years for shelter and beautification purposes. Tussock has been planted to drain water in the lower wet areas of the reserve.

The topography of Elizabeth Park has contributed to many drainage problems because of water springs and rapid run off after rain.

1.9 PRESENT MANAGEMENT

Elizabeth Park is under the control and management of the Invercargill City Council Parks and Recreation Division. The Parks and Recreation Division is responsible for the development, maintenance and general management of the park.

PowerNet is responsible for the maintenance and general management of the electricity substation. A lease is required for this.

2.0 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

In setting the management objectives for Elizabeth Park, 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 Elizabeth Park 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 conserve the natural landscapes, and flora and fauna, in accordance with sound conservation practices, for the benefit of the public, and of the flora and fauna.
- 2.5 To maintain and develop vegetation to improve the visual effect and provide shelter for users of the park.
- 2.6 To allow the Local Purpose Reserve to be managed for electricity purposes so as to safeguard the City's electricity.

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3.0 POLICIES

Note: Where the policies in this Management Plan refer to the term "Council" this means the Parks and Recreation Manager and/or the Parks and Recreation 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 park.*

Policies:

- 3.1.1 The utilisation of Elizabeth Park shall be in compliance with its classification as a Recreation and Local Purpose Reserve (Substation) and the policies set out in this Management Plan.
- 3.1.2 Access to Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park must be booked in advance with the Parks and Recreation Division and users must comply with the "Terms and Conditions" for use of the Park. These terms and conditions are reviewed and updated from time to time.

- 3.1.4 Council may charge a fee for use of Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park 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 the park, or part of the park, in conjunction with statutory requirements for the protection and well-being of Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park 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 park or for the convenience of those using the park.
- 3.1.8 Council may grant a long-term lease or licence for a recreation or commercial activity to occupy part of Elizabeth Park where the activity complies with the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.1.9 Any user of Elizabeth Park 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 ~~other-wise~~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 Elizabeth Park 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 all or part of the park. Some occupation agreements may allow restricted access by the general public into areas of the park 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 Elizabeth Park 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 parks. 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 Low powered/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 low powered or 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 Elizabeth Park shall be developed and maintained to the "path" standard where resources permit.
- 3.2.8 Where practicable, paths and tracks on Elizabeth Park shall be maintained at a standard that allows unrestricted use by pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- 3.2.9 Elizabeth Park 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. Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park 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 an Elizabeth Park 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 and Recreation Manager for colour and design prior to construction.

3.3.4 Enclosure of an activity or feature within Elizabeth Park 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 reserve's amenity, historical, environmental, cultural and landscape values.

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 and Recreation 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 Elizabeth Park.*
- *To develop and maintain the vegetation on Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park 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 Elizabeth Park will take into account:

- (a) Management objectives and policies for the park.
- (b) Any landscape plans for the park.
- (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.

3.4.4 Maintenance, adding or removal of vegetation will only be undertaken by Council, or Council approved contractors, unless written approval from Council has been received.

3.4.5 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 park users;
- (d) Considering the value and protection of the tree;
- (e) Considering the purpose and classification of the park.

3.4.6 ~~Firewood permits may be granted to groups~~ Removal of any felled wood from parks and individuals for reserves requires a fee for permit and prior approval from the Parks and Recreation Manager.

~~3.4.7 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 SOIL MOVEMENT, DEPOSITION OR REMOVAL

Objectives:

- To ensure movement, deposition or removal of soil in Elizabeth Park meet legislative requirements.
- To exotic wood from felled or fallen trees, ensure Accidental Discovery Protocol is adhered to before works is undertaken on Elizabeth Park.

Policy:

3.5.1 The movement, deposition or from pruning operations upon application, removal of soil is permitted to be undertaken provided that the following conditions are met:

- a) The activity is associated with the construction, operation, maintenance, and repair or upgrading of a Council park and reserve.
- b) Any material deposited is done so to a similar site, associated with the construction, operation, maintenance, and repair or upgrading of a Council park and reserve.
- c) No more than 50m³ shall be extracted from or deposited on land containing high value soils, as shown on the District Planning Maps.
- d) If the material is taken from a SLUS or HAIL site, a site management plan identifying controls on potential exposure risks to humans or the wider environment is to produced prior to any soil disturbance. Transport operators are required to ensure that vehicles are clean as they leave the site, so that contaminated material is not deposited on the road.
- e) Soil disturbance activities are to be completed within three months of commencement.

- f) Accidental Discovery Protocol¹ should be followed when undertaking works at Elizabeth Park.

3.6 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 parks and 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:

- 3.6.1 Any proposal to develop a building or structure on Elizabeth Park will be dependent on the availability of resources.
- 3.6.2 Applications for new buildings or changes to existing buildings on Elizabeth Park require Council approval and shall meet the Objectives and Policies of 3.28.1 - Requests for Development on Reserves with particular emphasis on Policy 3.28.1.9 which identifies the requirements of any development plan.
- 3.6.3 The design of any building or structure on Elizabeth Park shall be subject to Council approval and shall be in keeping with the surroundings to enhance and complement the landscape.
- 3.6.4 Buildings and structures on Elizabeth Park shall be designed to a high standard and where practical, be designed to limit the opportunity for vandalism.
- 3.6.5 Buildings and structures on Elizabeth Park 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.
- 3.6.6 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.
- 3.6.7 Exterior colour schemes of buildings and structures on Elizabeth Park 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.
- 3.6.8 The number of buildings and structures on Elizabeth Park will be limited to a level which facilitates the safe and appropriate use of the reserve.

¹ Green zones require no formal archaeological monitoring, however, accidental discovery protocol should be adhered to (NZ Heritage Archaeological Procedures).

- 3.6.9 The open space and natural amenity values of Elizabeth Park will be protected and managed by only allowing those buildings and structures which complement the park.
- 3.6.10 Where appropriate, buildings on Elizabeth Park 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.
- 3.6.11 The establishment, design and maintenance of new or existing public toilets in Elizabeth Park shall take into account current New Zealand Standards.
- 3.6.12 The number and location of new or existing public toilets on Elizabeth Park shall be kept under constant review.
- 3.6.13 Clubs and associations shall be responsible for maintenance of their buildings and facilities on Elizabeth Park to an appropriate standard as determined by Council.
- 3.6.14 Clubs and associations shall be responsible for the full cost of removal of any building and associated facilities when no longer required.
- 3.6.15 Any tenanted buildings are to be maintained to a presentable standard of high quality for visitors to see.
- 3.6.16 No application for extensions will be granted to those buildings on Elizabeth Park that are classified as non-conforming buildings.

3.7 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:

- 3.7.1 All organisations with buildings, facilities or easements on Elizabeth Park shall be required to hold an occupation agreement as provided for by the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.7.2 Application for any new occupation agreement on Elizabeth Park will be in writing providing detailed information about the type of occupation. Applications for occupation agreements shall meet the Objectives and Policies of 3. 24.1 – Requests for Development on Reserves with particular emphasis on Policy 3.24.1.9 which identifies the requirements of any development plan. Information provided will allow Council to assess all applications in an equitable and consistent manner.
- 3.7.3 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.
- 3.7.4 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.
- 3.7.5 The approved occupier of any area in Elizabeth Park 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.
- 3.7.6 Easements shall be subject to Sections 48 and 48A of the Reserves Act 1977.
- 3.7.7 All costs associated with occupation agreements shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

3.8 DONATIONS OF ASSETS

Objective:To

- 3.7 manage donations of assets through the Donations Guidelines so the process is kept consistent.

Policies:

- 3.8.1 Acquisition of donated will be managed through Council Donations Guidelines.
- 3.8.2 Management of donated assets will be undertaken as per the relevant management plan.

3.9 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. Outdoor furniture such as seating and rubbish bins 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:

- 3.9.1 Outdoor furniture on Elizabeth Park shall be designed to a high standard.
- 3.9.2 Outdoor furniture shall be provided in Elizabeth Park 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 Park and appropriate to the setting.

3.83.10 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:

- 3.10.1 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.
- 3.10.2 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, and siting may be considered on submission of a copy of the design and proposed colour scheme to Council.
- 3.10.3 Monuments, art work and sculpture displays will be designed to a high standard and, where practical, be designed to limit the potential for vandalism.
- 3.10.4 Permanent monuments, art work and sculpture displays in reserves will need to be robust, weatherproof and long lasting for ease of maintenance and repair.
- 3.10.5 Installation and maintenance of monuments, art work and sculpture displays in reserves will be undertaken by Council, or Council approved operators.
- 3.10.6 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.
- 3.10.7 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.
- 3.10.8 Any proposals for monuments, art work and sculptures will be subject to the siting of them not compromising the other values of the park.

3.11 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.

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, or benefits (including wellbeing) to the ratepayer outweigh the costs (impact to reserve).*

Policies:

- 3.11.1 No new network utility infrastructure will be permitted on Elizabeth Park unless a definite benefit to Elizabeth Park can be established. Any new network utility infrastructure deemed essential for a reserve shall be laid underground.
- 3.11.2 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.
- 3.11.3 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.
- 3.11.4 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.

3.12 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.



They are bilingual and reflect the historical and cultural narrative of the reserve.

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:

- 3.12.1 Council shall use current New Zealand Standards as a guide when providing and maintaining signs on Elizabeth Park.
- 3.12.2 Signs on the reserve shall be for the purpose of proper management, administration and control of the reserve.
- 3.12.3 The number of signs shall be kept to the minimum number required to meet the needs of users.
- 3.12.4 Permanent advertising signs are not permitted on Elizabeth Park. 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.
- 3.12.5 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.
- 3.12.6 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.
- 3.12.7 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.

3.12.8 Parks and Recreation will when planning incorporate signs that are bilingual, and reflect the historical and cultural narrative of the reserve

3.13 LIGHTING

Council recognises that some reserve user groups wish to operate at night and some members of the public wish to walk through the park 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, playground 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:

- 3.13.1 Council will only consider the provision of lighting on Elizabeth Park where there is a clear public benefit or for amenity, security and safety reasons.
- 3.13.2 The Elizabeth Park occupier is responsible for provision and maintenance of lighting associated with their activity, with the approval of Council.
- 3.13.3 Council shall consider current best practise and lighting engineering standards, energy efficiency and appropriate design for the location when establishing new lighting fixtures on Elizabeth Park.
- 3.13.4 The light spill generated from any activity on Elizabeth Park shall not exceed 5 lux at any residential boundary between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 3.13.5 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.

3.14 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 Elizabeth Park 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:

- 3.14.1 No person shall deposit any domestic refuse, trade waste, garden refuse, rubble or other debris on Elizabeth Park without approval of Council.
- 3.14.2 Reserve user groups are responsible for ensuring the area of their responsibility is kept clear of rubbish.
- 3.14.3 Event organisers are responsible for collection and disposal of rubbish when the reserve is booked for events.

3.15 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:

- 3.15.1 The lighting of fires on Elizabeth Park outside of a contained gas barbeque is not permitted without the prior written authorisation from Council.

3.16 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:

- 3.16.1 Fireworks displays by organised groups may be allowed on Elizabeth Park with prior written authorisation from Council.
- 3.16.2 Applicants wishing to use Elizabeth Park 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.

- 3.16.3 Proof of adequate public liability insurance is required for permission to be granted for fireworks displays on Elizabeth Park.

3.17 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:

- 3.17.1 Council will not oppose the granting of liquor licences for premises located on Elizabeth Park or special licenses in defined areas for one off types of events where:
- The granting of permission is consistent with the purpose of the reserve.
 - The effects on the reserve, reserve values, reserve users and reserve neighbours can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
 - Applicants can provide evidence they have met the requirements of relevant legislation, regulations, codes and permits.

3.18 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:

- 3.18.1 Pest plants and animals on Elizabeth Park shall be controlled in accordance with the "Regional Pest Management Strategy - May 2007" or any subsequent reviews of this Strategy.
- 3.18.2 Council will endeavour to remove invasive weed and pest animal species from Elizabeth Park by approved control methods.

3.18.3 Animals and birds deliberately abandoned in Elizabeth Park may be considered a pest and destroyed.

3.18.4 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 Elizabeth Park.

3.19 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~~ is a registered camping ground on ~~reserves in a reserve at~~ 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:

3.19.1 Camping is not permitted on Elizabeth Park.

3.19.2 In special circumstances, camping on Elizabeth Park for one off events may be approved by Council resolution.

~~3.17 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.~~

- ~~➤ 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:

~~3.17.1 Access~~

~~Appropriate levels of access to parks and reserves for dogs and their owners shall be made available.~~

~~3.17.2 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.~~

~~3.17.3 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.~~

~~3.17.4 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.~~

~~3.17.5 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.~~

~~3.17.6 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.~~

~~3.17.7 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. 20 designated playing areas of all marked sports fields. 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.~~

3.18 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:

3.18.13.20.1 All management relating to Dogs on Reserves will be undertaken in accordance with the Dog Bylaw and Policy and any subsequent versions.

3.20.2 Uncontrolled animals are not permitted on Elizabeth Park unless otherwise provided with written permission from Council.

3.21 FLYING MODEL AIRCRAFT AND UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

Model aircraft enthusiasts sometimes use parks and reserves for the operation of their aircraft. This can either be for personal recreational use for club and competition use.

The persistent and uncontrolled use of model aircraft can have negative effects on neighbours and other park users including noise and potential for injury.

The recreational and commercial use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) is becoming more common place and will no doubt increase as technology improves and demand increases and UAV reduce in cost.

While UAV use has similar impacts to those of model aircraft with respect to noise and potential for injury, the frequent inclusion of on-board cameras also introduces issues of privacy which park users have a right to expect. Reserves may also be ideal places for commercial UAV photographers and surveyors to launch UAV from, given their generally open nature.

Objectives:

- To prohibit use of flying model aircraft on Elizabeth Park and work with model aircraft enthusiasts for alternative locations.
- To control the use of flying unmanned aerial vehicles, while ensuring other members of the public are safe and enjoying the use of the reserve.

Policies:

3.21.1 Use of UAV on parks and cemeteries will be managed through the ICC Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Policy.

3.21.2 Use of model aircraft on parks and cemeteries is prohibited unless required for reserve management purposes, or as provided for in specific individual or omnibus management plans.

3.22 FILMING

Objectives:

- To ensure legislative requirements are met when considering the use of filming in public spaces.

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

Policies:

3.22.1 Commercial Filming requires permission from Parks and Recreation Staff.

3.22.2 It is generally unlawful to take photographs of or film people in public places without their consent. However, you must not film or take photos of people if they are in a place where they can expect privacy (such as a public changing area or toilet) and that person:

- is naked, in underclothes, showering, toileting etc
- is unaware of being filmed or photographed
- has not given consent to be filmed or photographed.

3.22.3 You should not take photos of people if:

- they are in a place where they would expect reasonable privacy and publication would be highly offensive to an objective and reasonable person
- it has potential to stop other people's use and enjoyment of the same place
- you have no legitimate reason for taking the film or photos.

3.22.4 You can take and/or publish photos or film of people where there is no expectation of privacy, such as a beach, shopping mall, park or other public place.

3.23 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 children. Play equipment complements the areas of open space available to children for informal play.

There are two playgrounds in Elizabeth Park – the Adventure Playground and a smaller playground further along another John Street access way. Two slides are located further up the bank behind the adventure playground. The adventure playground is classified as a Destination Playground (a playground people will go out of their way to travel to).

The Play Strategy will inform the objectives for play spaces in the long term.

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 creative, stimulating and fun, and to encourage children to engage in social interaction and physical activity.*

Policies:

3.23.1 Elizabeth Park play equipment shall be maintained and upgraded as required to provide quality play equipment and high play value.

- 3.23.2 All new or upgraded playgrounds and play equipment constructed on Elizabeth Park shall comply with the relevant New Zealand Safety Standard for playgrounds - NZS: 5828:2004 or any subsequent review of this standard.
- 3.23.3 All playgrounds and play equipment on Elizabeth Park 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.
- 3.23.4 Informal play opportunities shall be encouraged through the design of open spaces within Elizabeth Park using the natural landforms and existing features.

3.24 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"² 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.~~~~

Objective:

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

Policies:

~~3.20.1 Groups booking events in Elizabeth Park will be encouraged to provide healthy food alternatives at their event.~~

~~3.20.23.24.1~~ Council will consider the cultural needs and physical abilities of potential users when designing environments in Elizabeth Park to ensure the reserve is welcoming and functional for all.

² 'Our Way Invercargill' Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2006 – 2016, Invercargill City Council

3.25 SMOKE FREE PARKS AND RESERVES

Objectives:

- *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:

- 3.25.1 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.
- 3.25.2 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.
- 3.25.3 That the public be encouraged through signage and publicity to maintain a clean, healthy environment in these areas.
- 3.25.4 That this become a Policy in each of the Reserve Management Plans upon their drafting or review.
- 3.25.5 That groups booking events on Invercargill City Council Parks will be encouraged to actively promote their event as Smoke Free.

3.26 ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth Park 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:

- 3.26.1 The Invercargill City Council, through the Parks and Recreation Manager, shall carry out the day to day administration and management of Elizabeth Park, using Parks and Recreation Division Assets and Operations Unit staff and contractors.

3.27 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 Elizabeth Park 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:

3.27.1 Any change or amendment, not involving a comprehensive review of the Elizabeth Park Management Plan, shall be made by adopting the procedures specified in Section 41(9) of the Reserves Act 1977.

3.27.2 The Elizabeth Park 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.

3.28 DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE

3.28.1 *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:

- 3.28.1.1 The number of buildings and structures on Elizabeth Park 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.
- 3.28.1.2 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.
- 3.28.1.3 The construction of any new buildings or extensions to existing buildings is not permitted unless anticipated in the current Elizabeth Park Management Plan and may be subject to a review or amendment to the Management Plan.
- 3.28.1.4 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.
- 3.28.1.5 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.
- 3.28.1.6 The development shall be designed in a way that limits the opportunity for vandalism.
- 3.28.1.7 The development will be designed, where practical and feasible, to meet the current national standard and design criteria for access for people with disabilities.
- 3.28.1.8 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.
- 3.28.1.9 Development plans are required for all development proposals for structures, facilities or buildings on Elizabeth Park (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.

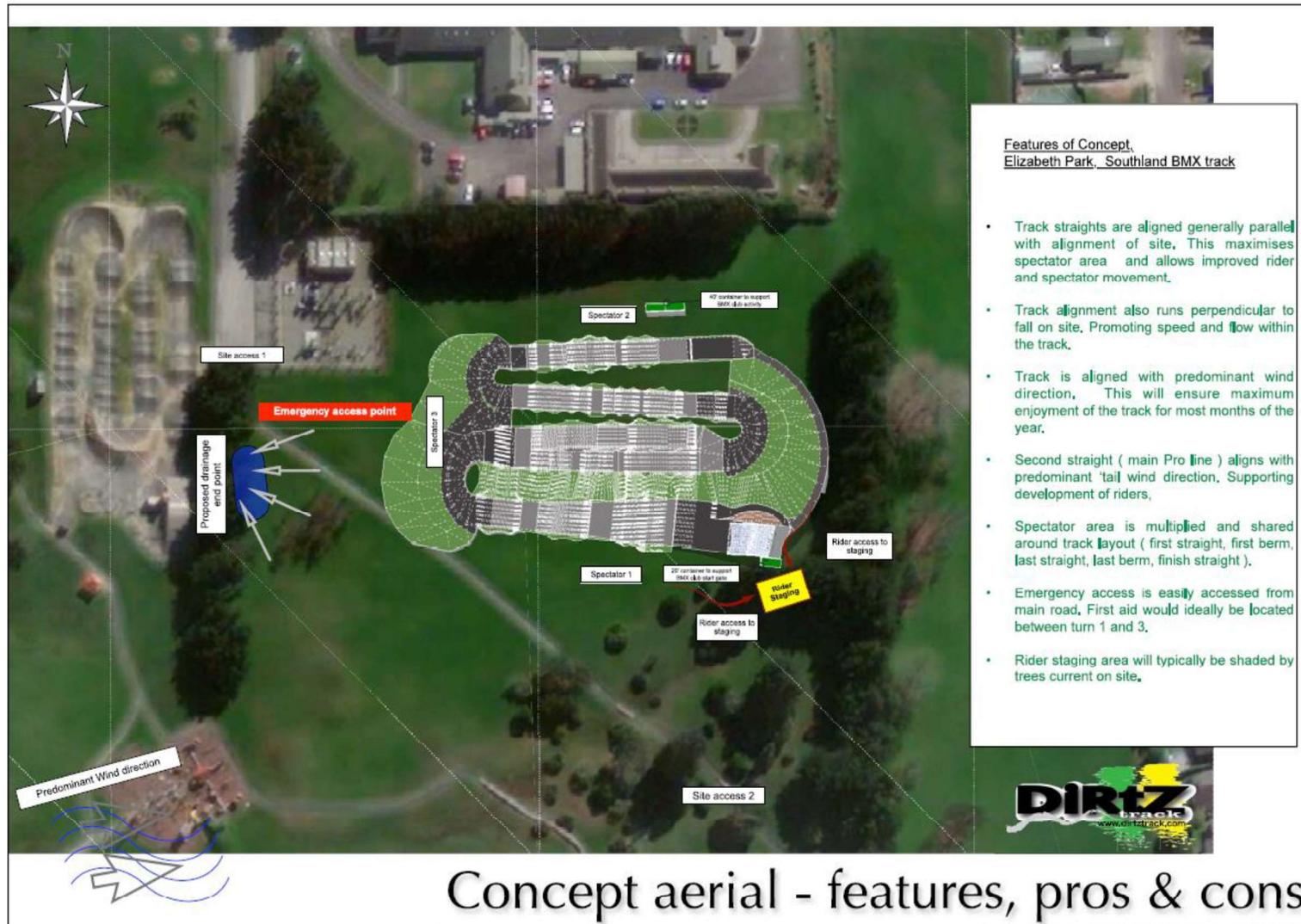
4.0 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

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.

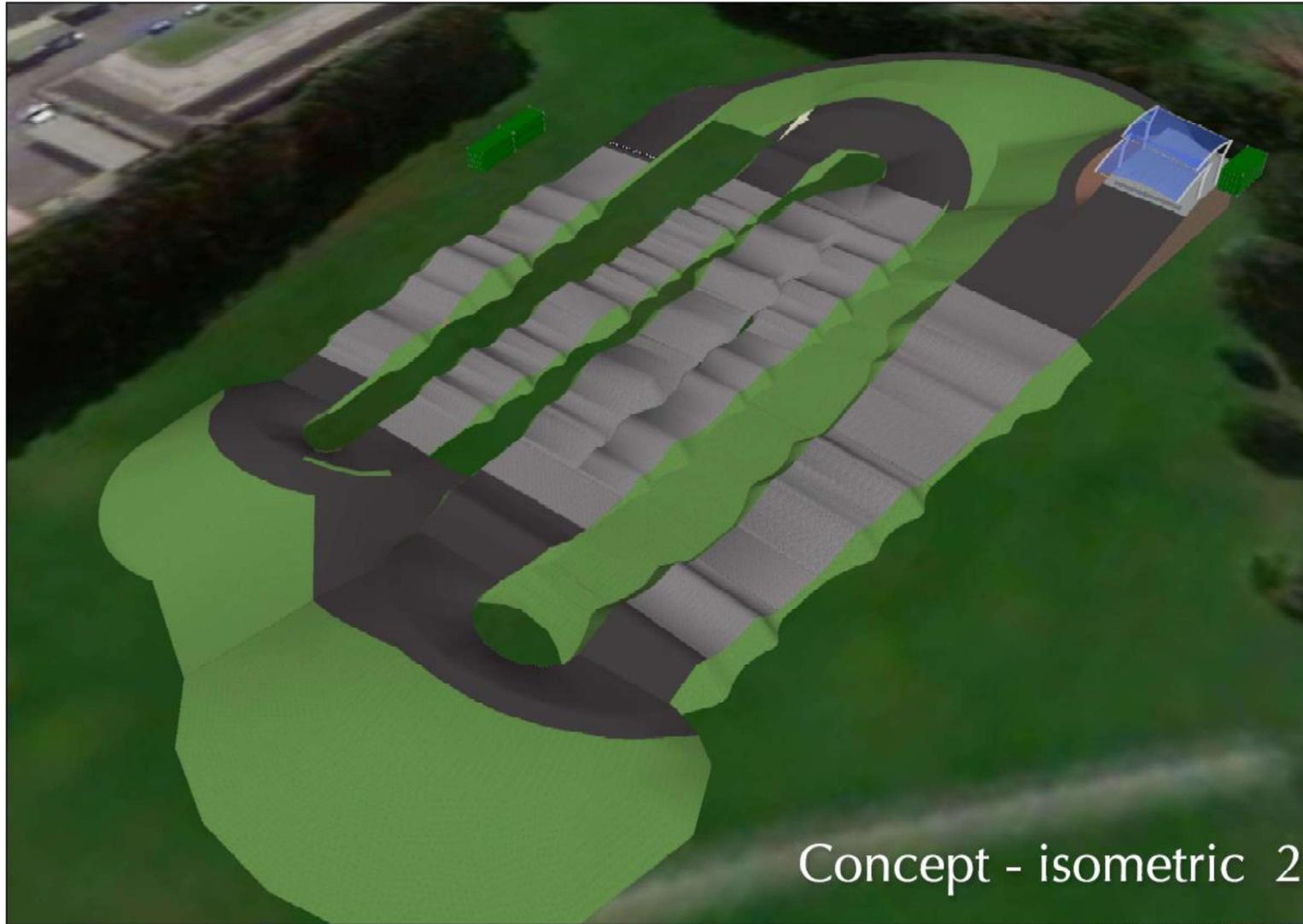
Any future development at Elizabeth Park shall only be to the extent which is in accordance with the overall management objectives and policies and subject to meeting the requirements defined in 3.28.1 - Requests for Development on Reserves. Before any development is implemented, it must be established that there is a need for such development and that what is proposed will be of benefit to Elizabeth Park and to those using it.

Future developments are noted in the main text of this Management Plan. [Please see concept plans for BMX Southland track development below](#)





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