

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Queens Park is arguably the most important of all the parks managed by the Invercargill City Council. Located near the centre of the City, it features formal and themed gardens, tree lined avenues, an aviary, animal reserve, museum, art gallery, golf course and many other attributes, making it a popular retreat for residents and visitors to the City.

Queens Park has been classified as one of only three Premier Parks within the Invercargill City Council park categories (the others are Anderson Park and the Otepunu Gardens). Parks are categorised according to their dominant characteristics and these assist Council with setting management objectives and assessing funding requirements for each reserve. The Premier Parks are the City's top parks providing formal gardens and horticultural displays for local and visitor use and enjoyment. Maintained to a very high amenity standard, Premier Parks are the principal gardens of Invercargill City.



Queens Drive Entrance

This Management Plan is a full review of the Queens Park Management Plan which was prepared in 1992. 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.

1.2 LOCATION

Queens Park is located approximately 0.5km to the north of the central business district of Invercargill. It is bounded by Queens Drive to the east and Kelvin Street to the west. Southland Boys' High School, Waihopai Primary School and several residential properties form the northern boundary, while the Town Belt - Gala Street Reserve adjoins Queens Park to the South.

1.3 ACCESS

As the Premier Park in Invercargill, good pedestrian access into Queens Park for the public is essential. The principal public access point, or gateway into Queens Park, is the Feldwick Gates. Entrances at Jessie Calder Gardens, Queens Drive Gate, the paths opposite St Andrew and George Streets, and at the Herbert Street entrance are also significant access points.

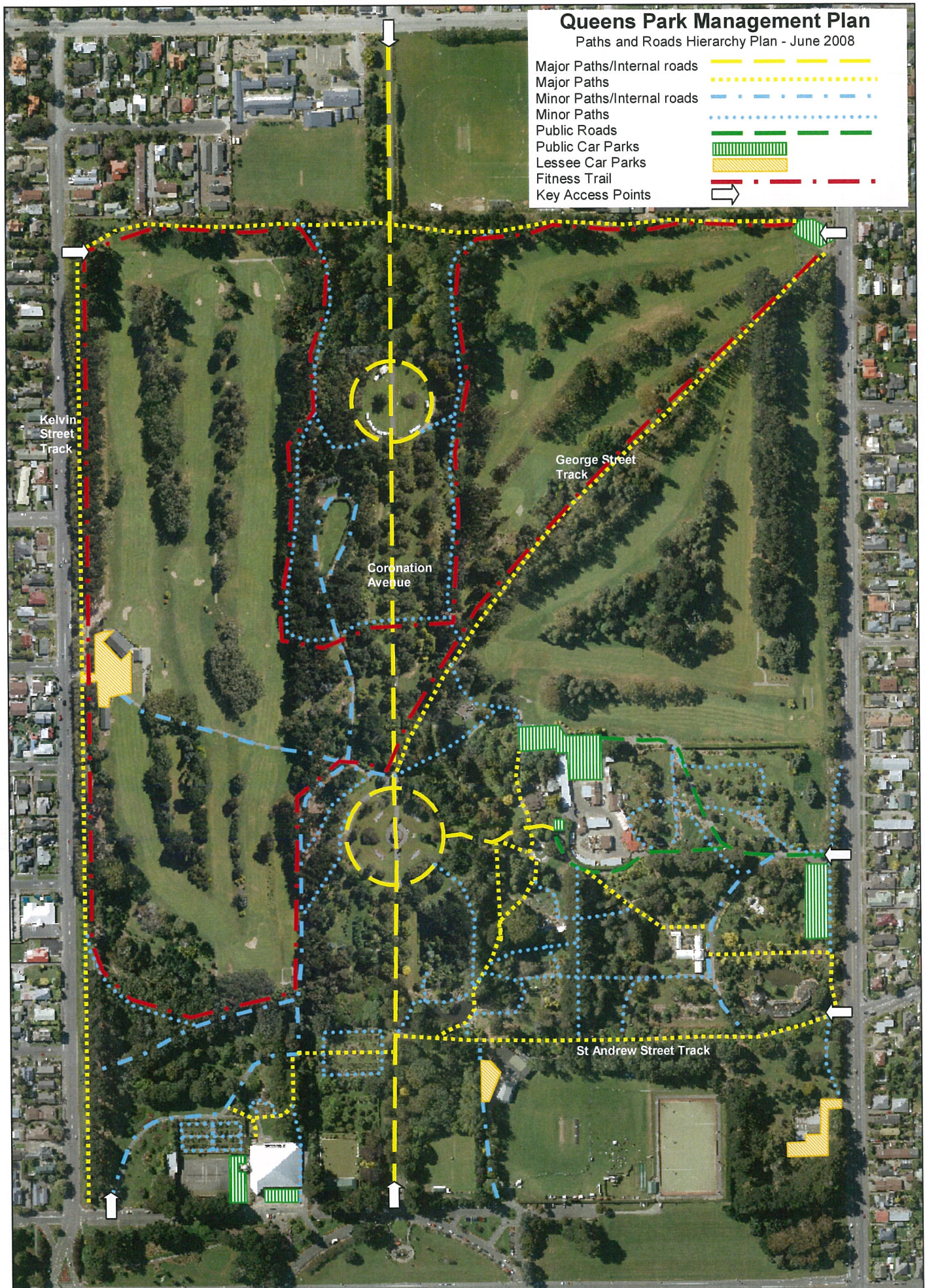
Other minor access points include the northern corner of Queens Park along Kelvin Street, alongside the Southland Museum and Art Gallery and along the south end of Kelvin Street. Because the Park is largely unfenced, pedestrian access can be gained from many points around the perimeter of the Park, however access is encouraged where there is a formed path.

Vehicle access into Queens Park is restricted to the Queens Drive Gate, with car parking just inside this gate and near the Tea Kiosk. There is also a car park off Queens Drive opposite George Street and another adjacent to the Southland Museum and Art Gallery. Many Queens Park users also park on the Gala Street Reserve near the Feldwick Gates.

Some organisations leasing parts of the Park provide vehicle access into their area of the Park (i.e. Queens Park Golf Club, Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind and Southland Cricket Association).

Several of the paths within Queens Park have been designed to cater to vehicles. These are generally only available for use by maintenance or ranger's vehicles or for special events. On Wednesdays the Feldwick Gates are opened for a restricted time to allow people with limited mobility access into the park.

Cyclists have access to most of the paths within Queens Park except those in and around the playground, ponds and rose gardens.



1.4 ADJOINING LAND USE

Queens Park is a large rectangular reserve situated in a predominantly residential area. The Park is bounded on the east and west by streets (Queens Drive and Kelvin Street) while to the south the Gala Street Reserve adjoins the Park. Southland Boys' High School, Waihopai Primary School and several residential properties form the northern boundary. The Gala Street Reserve forms part of the Town Belt and provides a significant area of open space, often considered a part of Queens Park.

1.5 CLASSIFICATION AND TENURE

1.5.1 *Classification*

Queens Park is classified as follows:

- Recreation Reserve pursuant to Section 17 of the Reserves Act 1977;
 - Local Purpose Reserve (Museum) pursuant to Section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977; and
 - Local Purposes Reserve – Recreational and Cultural Building and Associated Activities Purpose pursuant to Section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977;
- and shall be managed in accordance with those classifications.

1.5.2 *Historic Tenure Information*

In 1868, Queens Park was gazetted as a reserve and declared to be "reserved for purposes of public pleasure, recreation and amusement". On 25 January 1882, it was transferred from the Crown to the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Invercargill by Grant and Conveyance. The Deed states "...and to hold the parcel of land and premises described in the Third Schedule hereto unto the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the said Borough of Invercargill and their successors for ever in trust as a Public Park...".

The original description was Part Section 22, Block I, Invercargill Hundred (78.7526ha).

Land not covered in the original deed (*ref: Deeds volume 32/282, index E 943. No 24, page 588 of the New Zealand Statutes*):

- The area covering the Queens Park Golf Club buildings, car park and right-of-way became a separate title within the confines of the Park (*CT 4A/1219, 8 May 1974, Recreation Reserve; - Part Section 22, Block I, Invercargill Hundred [0.4181ha]*).
- The area occupied by the Southland Museum (as it was known at the time) became a separate title within the confines of the Park (*CT 5C/872, 13 October 1977, Local Purpose Reserve - Museum; - Lot 1 DP 9670, Part Section 22, Invercargill Hundred, Lot 1 DP 12341, Part Section 22 Invercargill Hundred [0.4855ha]*).
- The area occupied by the deer enclosure immediately inside the Queens Drive entrance required a change of classification after the introduction of the Noxious Animals in Captivity Regulations 1969 came into force. The

Reserves and Domains Act 1953 did not allow for deer to be held in captivity on reserves (even though deer had been kept in Queens Park for about 20 years) (*SO Plan 8131, Notice 2564, NZ Gazette Notice 256431, 18 November 1971, Reserve for Deer Park; - Section 133, Block I, Invercargill Hundred [0.5000ha]*). This requirement was later removed with the introduction of the Reserves Act 1977.

- The area in the south western corner of the Park was set aside as Crown Land for an Education Reserve. For many years it was occupied by the School for Cerebral Palsy which transferred to Waihopai School in 1976. In 1989, the area was reclassified as a Recreation Reserve and incorporated into the Park (*SO Plan 16, NZ Gazette Notice 9918 29 June 1989, Recreation Reserve; - Part section 22 Block I Invercargill Hundred [0.4047ha]*).
- The Herbert Street entrance was covered by a separate title and is a narrow strip of land (*CT B4/1299 23 October 1970 fee simple; - Part 2 of 19 DP 696 Part Section 23 Block I Invercargill Hundred [0.5607ha]*).

1.5.3 **Current Tenure Information**

The total area of Queens Park is **78.9670 ha**. In 2006, Queens Park was redefined. Three new titles issued for Queens Park are as follows:

1.5.3.1 Queens Park

Identifier: CT 517206
 Date Issued: 29 October 2010
 Prior References: CT 32215 (also CT 184009, CT 32213, CT 32214, SL6D/421, SLB4/1299)
 Area: 77.9250ha
 Legal Description: Lot 2 Deposited Plan 430107
 Purpose: Recreation Reserve
 Subject to: Reserves Act 1977
 5326539.1 - Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 27.8.2002 at 11.20am (affects the land formerly contained in CT SL5C/872)
 6120791.1 - Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 19.8.2004 at 9.00am (affects the land formerly contained in CT 32213)
 6821862.1 - Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 10.4.2006 at 9.00am (affects the land formerly contained in CT 184009 and CT 32214)

Identifier: CT 517205
 Date Issued: 29 October 2010
 Prior References: CT 32215
 Area: 0.1392ha
 Legal Description: Lot 1 Deposited Plan 430107
 Purpose: Local Purposes Reserve – Recreational and Cultural Building and Associated Activities Purpose
 Subject to: Reserves Act 1977
 6120791.1 - Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 19.8.2004 at 9.00am (affects the land formerly contained in CT 32213)

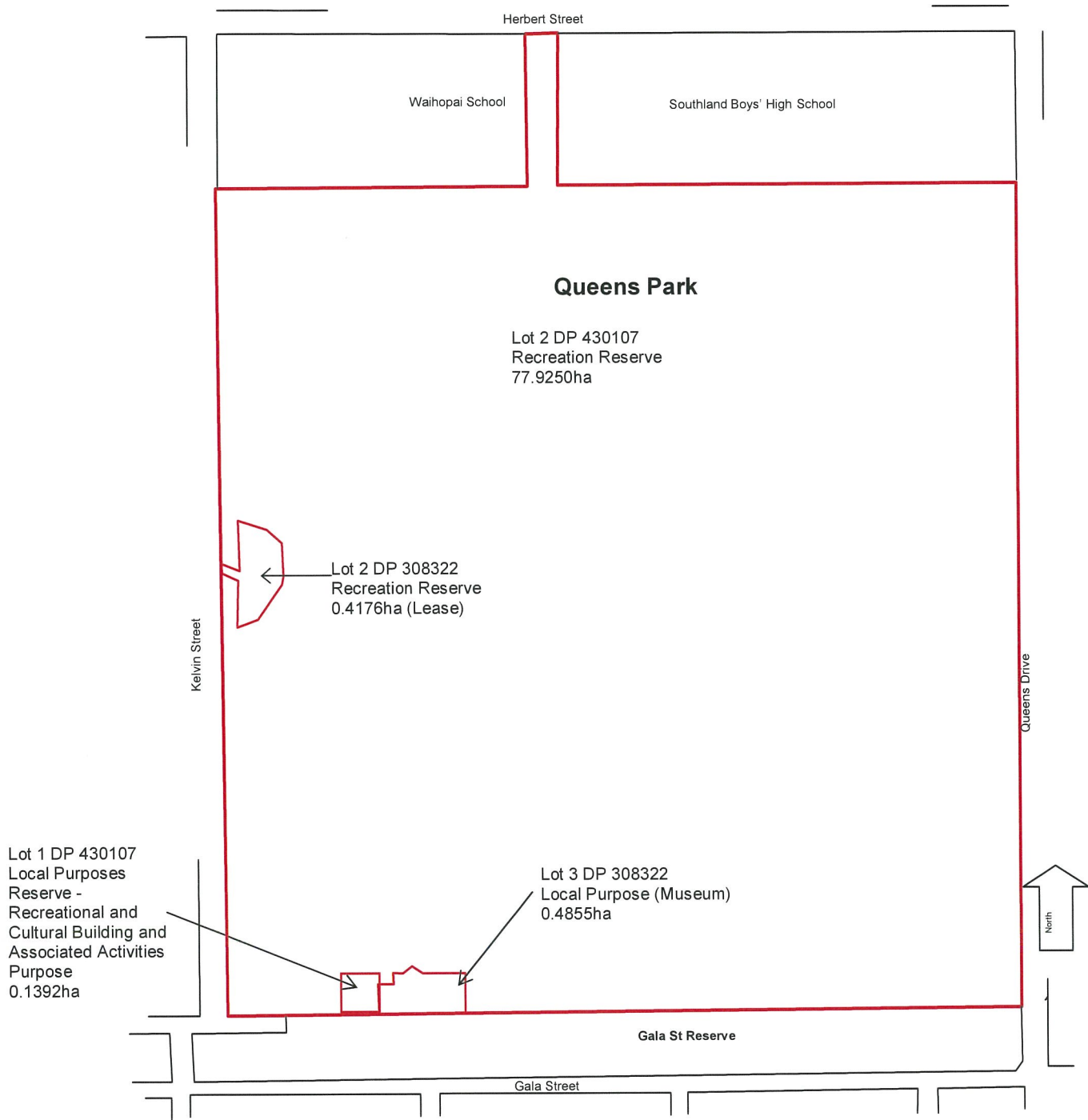
8609076.2 - Covenant under Section 240 Resource Management Act 1991 (also affects the land contained in CT 32222) - 29.10.2010 at 10.52am

1.5.3.2 Queens Park Golf Club Buildings and Car Park (Lease)

Identifier: CT 32221
Date Issued: 17 February 2006
Prior References: SL4A/1219
Area: 0.4176ha
Legal Description: Lot 2 Deposited Plan 308322
Purpose: Recreation Reserve
Subject to: Reserves Act 1977
214660.2 Mortgage of Lease 275779.1 to Southland Building Society -16.11.1993 at 9.15am
275779.1 Lease in renewal of Lease 280875 to The Queens Park Golf Club Incorporated, Term commencing 1.1.1995 and ending 30.12.2015 - 12.9.2000 at 2.35pm
5365001.1 Subject to Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 4.10.2002 at 10.10am

1.5.3.3 Museum and Art Gallery (Lease)

Identifier: CT 32222
Date Issued: 17 February 2006
Prior References: CT 32213, SL5C/872
Area: 0.4855ha
Legal Description: Lot 3 Deposited Plan 308322
Purpose: Local Purpose (Museum) Reserve
Subject to: Reserves Act 1977
5326539.1 Subject to Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 27.8.2002 at 11.20am (affects the land formerly contained in CT SL5C/872)
6120791.1 Subject to Part 9 of the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 - 19.8.2004 at 9.00am (affects the land formerly contained in CT 32213)
8595886.1 - Lease for 33 years - 1.7.2010 CIR 534750 issued 20.9.2010 at 1.38pm
8609076.2 - Covenant under Section 240 Resource Management Act 1991 (also affects the land contained in CT 517205) - 29.10.2010 at 10.52am



Plan of Queens Park Showing land boundaries