

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Hearings for Donovan
Park Reserve Management Plan to be held in the
Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Theatre,
88 Tay Street, Invercargill
on Tuesday 18 March 2025 at 11.30 am

Cr D J Ludlow Cr P M Boyle Cr R I D Bond Cr L F Soper Mrs P Coote - Kaikaunihera Māori - Awarua

> MICHAEL DAY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Hearings for Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan

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DONOVAN PARK DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN STAGE TWO HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS

To: Hearings Panel

Meeting Date: Tuesday 18 March 2025

From: Cassie Horton – Senior Open Spaces Planner

Approved: Rex Capil - Group Manager - Community Spaces and Places

Approved Date: Tuesday 11 March 2025

Open Agenda: Yes

Public Excluded Agenda: No

Purpose and Summary

The draft Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan (Plan) has been consulted on. The Hearings Panel is now presented with submissions. Recommendations will be presented to the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee for any changes to the Plan and Implementation Plan, to be adopted by Council in April.

Recommendations

That the Hearings Panel:

- 1. Receives the report "Donovan Park Draft Reserve Management Plan Stage Two Hearings".
- 2. Receives submissions and the summary of submissions through the stage two public notification process.
- 3. Receives the late submission from Louise O'Callaghan.
- 4. Note the hearings schedule with the following submitters to be heard:

Hearing	Sub #	Name	Time
1	22	Julie Manson – Rugby Southland	11.35 am
2	19	Robin Pagan	11.45 am
3	5	Murray McLachlan	11.55 am
		10 minute break	12.05 pm
4	21	Marcus Roy – Environment Southland	12.15 pm
5	26	Louise O'Callaghan	12.25 pm

5. Confirms any specific feedback from the Hearings Panel it wishes to be included in the Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan report to be considered by the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee on 8 April 2025

Background

The Reserves Act 1977 (the Act) requires the development of reserve management plans to establish the desired mix of use, and protection for reserves, and to provide the community with certainty about the function and management of each reserve.

Council advertised for public comments and submissions from 4 December 2024 – 14 February 2025 (minimum two month period) as required under Section 41(6) of the Act, prior to producing the Plan for Council adoption.

Advertising included public notices posted via Southland Times, Let's Talk, Digi Slides and submission forms at Council buildings, flyer drops to houses around the perimeter of the reserve and signage with links to Let's Talk, direct emails to partners, stakeholders and past submitters providing the public the opportunity to share their thoughts on the Plan.

Following completion of the stage two consultation, submissions have been considered for inclusion within the Plan and Implementation Plan.

Submissions were received (26 in total) via Let's Talk and written submissions via email or in person.

Copies of each submission, along with a summary of submissions and consultation collateral are attached to this report.

Hearings are now required as per Section 41(6) which states:

"before approving the management plan, or, as the case may require, recommending the management plan to the Minister for his or her approval, give every person or organisation who or which, in lodging any objection or making any comments under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), asked to be heard in support of his or her or its objection or comments, a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the administering body or a committee thereof or a person nominated by the administering body in support of his or her or its objection or comments."

Summary of Stage Two Submissions

Early engagement was initially held with Te Ao Mārama and Department of Conservation with no suggested changes.

Consultation took place for two months from 4 December 2024 – 14 February 2025.

Submissions represented:

 Agencies and Organisations – Environment Southland, Active Southland, Bainfield Organic Gardens, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Murihiku Kai Collective, Rugby Southland.

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- Clubs Equestrian and Waikiwi Rugby Club (via Rugby Southland).
- Neighbouring residents and past submitters.

26 written submissions were received (see Appendix 1 for written submissions and Appendix 2 for a summary of submissions and Council officer responses) and seven submitters requested to speak to elected members.

Reserve Management Plan Submission Feedback

Overall submitters were very positive towards the Plan and points raised were mostly in support of the themes that weave through the Plan. Specific feedback raised were operational suggestions or already covered by the Plan.

Main points to note include:

- Active transport, including support for opening access to trails and cycling was mentioned by five submitters, with one submitter raising the need for safety of users along the main road and concern for speed.
- Cultivation, food resilience, community gardens and orchards were supported or considered by four submitters.
- Wetlands and ponds were raised by four submitters with mention of supporting biodiversity, climate change challenges and improving storm water functions.
- Four submitters supported selling at some scale. 12 submitters noted not to sell, revoke, supported option a (no revocation) of the reserve management plan, or said to stay as reserve. One submitter raised concern with being displaced if option b (revocation along only East side of reserve) occurred.
- Other recreational points such as enhancing the sport and recreation hub and supporting multi-use options, play, events and festivals were mentioned.

The points raised above are encompassed within the Guiding Principles and themes outlined by the Plan. There were no substantive differences to the issues raised during previous public consultation on the Masterplan and Plan.

No further changes are proposed as a result of consultation.

Implementation Plan Submission Feedback

Of the 26 Submissions, 17 responded with feedback on the draft implementation plan and were generally supportive. Key feedback related to undertaking improvements and developments early, support and objections relating to revocation of reserve status, with one mention of prioritising revocation process to establish size and scope of what the Plan should be. There were some queries noting a dog park, wetland, community garden and raising the importance of active transport and collaboration with stakeholders.

Project changes to the implementation plan are not proposed as a result of consultation.

Next Steps

This Panel will deliberate on the submissions to ensure recommendations on the Plans and change changes are able to be considered by the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee.

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The Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee is scheduled to receive the Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan on 8 April 2025 with recommendations for decisions to Council to adopt, with any potential changes.

Council will then have the opportunity to adopt the Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan on 29 April 2025, on recommendation from the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee and adopt any changes recommended by the Committee.

Attachments

- 1. Appendix 1 Submissions to be Heard
 - 1.1 Submission 22 Julie Manson (A5784269)
 - 1.2 Submission 19 Robin Pagan (A5780404)
 - 1.3 Submission 5 Murray McLachlan (A5779114)
 - 1.4 Submission 21 Marcus Roy (A5784267)
 - 1.5 Submission 26 Louise O'Callaghan (A5784271)
- 2. Appendix 2 Submissions not to be Heard (A5797231)
- 3. Appendix 3 Summary of Submissions A5731409
- 4. Appendix 4 Consultation Collateral A5798672

Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Feb 14, 2025 12:50:44 pm **Last Seen:** Feb 14, 2025 12:50:44 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Full name:	Julie Manson
Q2. Email:	
Q3. Contact Phone:	
Q4. Postcode	9810
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	Yes
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	Yes (please specify) Rugby Southland

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Rugby Southland is interested in 2.4 General Use - Donovan Park is used for all our rugby grades - Junior, Teenage, Senior and Representative Rugby. 2.4.1.1 - Management Areas - Sports and Recreation Hub. Donovan Park is an important area for Sports in Invercargill. While the Waikiwi Rugby are the main users, it is also used by James Hargest Rugby Club, Rugby Southland Representative Teams and in Summer Touch Southland. On page 25 - Currently the Driving Range is listed. Having been involved in incidents where members of the rugby community have been hit with flying golf balls, I would ask if this could be perhaps moved. 7.0 Delivering the Vision - pages 28 - 30 - focusing on the next 3 - 10 30 years. Waikiwi Rugby Club Committee currently have a working group regarding the vision of Donovan Park and are open to working with ICC, Rugby Southland and NZR, for the opportunity for Waikiwi Rugby Club to transform into a Community Hub. The potential at Waikiwi Rugby club could be huge for North Invercargill as Waikiwi is our only rugby club and sports ground. Currently Donovan Park fields 2 Full size rugby fields but in the next 1 - 3 could field 3 fields with the potential to field 6 fields within the next 3 - 10 years if developed correctly. Donovan Park fields drain well and one of Rugby Southland Elite Fields in Invercargill due to the amount of fixtures that can be played (Saturday Morning Juniors - up to 24 games, Teenage 2 games, Seniors - 2 games). One of the biggest issues is car parking (Health in Safety) due to the high number of fixtures at Waikiwi, and the number of participants. This is also an issue for Touch Rugby on a Thursday afternoon due to the high participation levels. With the growth of female participants playing rugby, Rugby Southland is continually looking for venues that can accommodate our female players. Page 34 - by developing Donovan Park Figure 7: to a Premier Sports and Recreation Community Hub you would serve north Invercargill/Invercargill central and Invercargill as a whole. One huge opportunity could be Lights for night fixtures especially servicing our Girls Only Competition which runs on a Monday night. Artificial Turf - there is huge potential for Donovan Park to house 1 - 2 Artificial Turfs. This would benefit multiple users - touch, league, football, rugby trainings, junior rugby, Covered in Fields - there is huge potential for Donovan Park to house covered in fields.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

B.3 - Park User Requirements - Community Hub - Rugby Southland is very keen to work with both Waikiwi Rugby Club Committee and the ICC regarding a Community Hub. The Future of Rugby Clubs report was released last year to all Rugby PU's and clubs.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Donovan Park could be the flag ship sports field/recreation ground/community hub in Invercargill. There is definitely room to move and grow. A large demographic of the community could be actively participating in this area. Sacred Heart, Donovan, Myross Bush, Makarewa School, James Hargest, Salford School, Southland Adventist School to name a few.

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Responded At: Feb 12, 2025 21:07:22 pm **Last Seen:** Feb 12, 2025 21:07:22 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1.	Full name:	Robin James Pagan
Q2.	Email:	
Q3.	Contact Phone:	
Q4.	Postcode	9810
Q5.	Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	Yes
Q6.	Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7.	Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8.	Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft management plan for Donovan Park. The area was purchased for the long-term provision of a reserve that would service Invercargill as the city gradually expanded and developed in that direction. Long term provision of land for open space is important as it is impossible to regain this once the area is developed for other purposes. The draft plan makes good provision for gradual recreational growth across the reserve as the need dictates. The recreational development of Donovan Park should be phased with the ability to fund the development, and the community's needs. In the short term, opening up walking access to more areas can be made available at very little extra cost. Water retention and provision of wetlands will also help the city as climate events occur in the future. The retention of all the land in the reserve is essential if future generations of Invercargill citizens are to be afforded the same recreational advantages as we have been given. Please do not make any revocation of any of the reserve as it is important to consider not only the many people who use it now for recreation purposes, but also the future generations as the area around the park gets more and more built in. Once again thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and please do not consider the short-term one-off gain of a sale because when it's gone, we cannot get it back NO to any sale of any part of Donovan Park.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

This gives a good basis for future development of the reserve.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

My short stint being involved with the city's reserves (53.5 years) has shown me the importance of sufficient open space being available prior to infill and development.

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Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 06, 2024 13:21:46 pm **Last Seen:** Dec 06, 2024 13:21:46 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Full name:	Murray Molachlan
Q2. Email:	
Q3. Contact Phone:	
Q4. Postcode	Question the need to open up this land for housing, given there are multiple subdivitsons available now
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	Yes
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

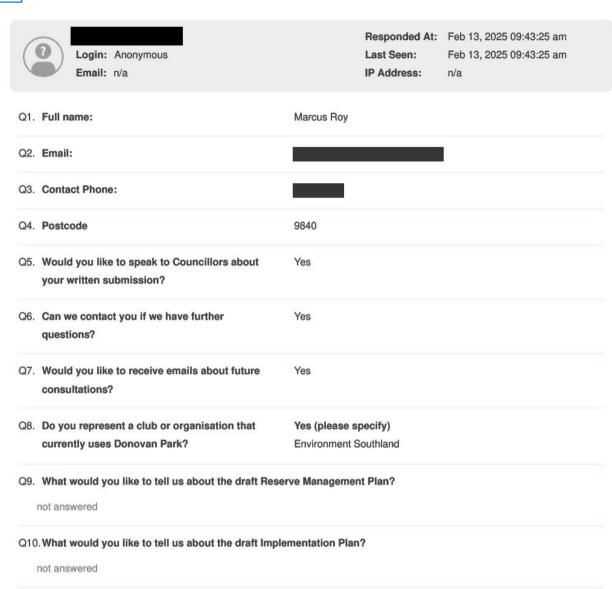
Should stay as council reserve, The grazing of it needs better management , to provide a better retun. I am sure a good operator could treble the sheep numbers. Some areas have not been gazed for two years, guessing about 15 acres.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

not answered

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

I am suspicious of who the mayor sees as a prospective buyer, and what his connection to them may be.



Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Our reference: A1229637

13 February 2025

The Chief Executive Invercargill City Council Via Email



Environment Southland's submission on the Donovan Park Draft Reserve Management Plan, Donovan Park Draft Implementation Plan and Donovan Park Draft Masterplan

- Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Donovan Park Draft Reserve Management Plan (Draft Management Plan), Donovan Park Draft Implementation Plan (Draft Implementation Plan) and Donovan Park Draft Masterplan (Masterplan). Environment Southland has reviewed the documents and is providing feedback that aligns with regional priorities as outlined in the Southland Regional Policy Statement (SRPS).
- 2. Environment Southland recognises that the Donovan Park (Park) forms a substantial contiguous landholding of 79 hectares on the edge of the city. The land is identified as being prone to liquefaction and is also identified as highly productive land.

This submission outlines the following key themes:

- Protect and enhance ecological resilience
- Improve urban water quality
- Climate change

Protect and enhance ecological resilience

- 3. The Draft Management Plan recognises that Donovan Park has been intensely farmed for many years and accordingly there are not any traces of the original indigenous vegetation that would have been present prior to human occupation.
- 4. Protecting, maintaining and enhancing indigenous ecological values aligns with the objectives, policies and Invercargill City Council's responsibilities as outlined in the Biodiversity Chapter of the (Chapter 6) of the SRPS. Specifically, Objectives BIO.1, 2 and 3, along with Polices BIO.1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 of the SRPS are all applicable to the management of Donovan Park.
- 5. Environment Southland supports the guiding principles of celebrating the unique and natural character of the park, promoting an open space network and rationalising land use. These principles all make reference to enhancing indigenous biodiversity and waterways in the Management Plan.





- 6. Donovan Park is located between Thomsons Bush and Anderson Park. It represents an opportunity to establish another indigenous ecosystem within the City boundaries that can encourage fauna. Increasing indigenous biodiversity within the Park will enable birds and insects to rest and hop to other surrounding areas as well as potentially supporting resident populations.
- 7. Environment Southland considers that there are opportunities for indigenous biodiversity plantings to be used for shelter belts within the Park. While initially slow to establish, there would be ongoing positive long-term ecological and amenity benefits to establishing permanent indigenous vegetation as shelter belts.
- 8. Environment Southland considers that the Draft Masterplan should identify areas or pockets of indigenous vegetation to be developed within Park to support indigenous species distribution.
- 9. Pest management should be incorporated into the masterplan and implemented throughout the park. While the draft documents support the enhancement of biodiversity, it is also likely that there will be an increase in pest animals.
- 10. Environment Southland supports the identification and retention of a "cultivation area" within the Park. Te Kōhaka o Tāne is located within the former McIvor Road Nursery site and has been propagating indigenous species for ecological restoration activities and broader ecological enhancement of public and private land.
- 11. Having access to locally sourced indigenous species is important for Environment Southland's work and therefore we support the recognition and retention of the cultivation area in the Reserve Management Plan.

Recommendations

- a. That Donovan Park's ecosystems are enhanced by active regeneration with locally sourced Southland appropriate indigenous species.
- b. Pest management is established as part of the management plan.
- c. Indigenous vegetation should be considered in the first instance when replanting or establishing shelter or wind protection from recreational activities and as boundary planting.
- d. Establishing an indigenous flora and fauna baseline within Donovan Park prior to and post enhancement is suggested to identify the net biodiversity gain from the investment.

Urban water quality

- 12. Environment Southland commends and supports the actions to establish wetlands, open waterways and additional ponds within the Park.
- 13. It is well known that wetlands improve water quality, provide buffering for fluctuating flows and provide habitat for indigenous species. One of the core priorities of Environment Southland is to improve water quality throughout the region and particularly where it involves natural processes such as wetlands.

- 14. Environment Southland strongly supports creating a wetland within the city boundaries and accordingly offers inhouse expertise and advice where this may be helpful.
- 15. We recommend that the new wetland areas do not establish open water ponds but rather shallow water areas (up to 0.4 m deep) with mainly indigenous wetland plant species. This type of wetland will support native wetland bird species and nutrient uptake. Open water ponds attract ducks which can have a detrimental effect on water quality when there is not a supporting plant community. Some guidance on wetland construction is available at this link https://niwa.co.nz/freshwater-freshwater-mitigation-systems/constructed-wetlands/constructed-wetland-guidelines.
- 16. It is also acknowledged that retaining and expanding the pond and drainage network through the Park will provide opportunities for stormwater treatment and management in the future as Invercargill grows.
- 17. It is recognised that the masterplan identifies there is currently a sewage pipe located within the area intended to be a future wetland. It is important to minimise hard infrastructure where possible within wetland areas as future maintenance and renewals could be expensive and potentially limit the benefits of the wetland.

Recommendations

- e. Retain the proposal to enhance ponds, waterways and wetlands throughout the park as this will have a net positive impact on stormwater and biodiversity.
- f. That Invercargill City Council work with Environment Southland's Integrated Catchment and Land Sustainability Team when designing and building wetlands and ponds.
- g. Identify the location of network services and plan future hard infrastructure around proposed ponds, wetlands and open drainage networks.

Climate Change

- 18. Environment Southland considers that Donovan Park provides opportunities for climate adaptation initiatives and supports this being identified in the Management Plan.
- 19. Planting trees, establishing wetlands and retaining areas for groundwater replenishment create short and long-term actions that will enable the wider area around Donovan Park to be more resistant to climate change.
- 20. Urban development adjoining Donovan Park is becoming increasingly intense and this trend will likely continue in the future as reticulated networks develop capacity and extend. Donovan Park should be retained as an area for managing and filtering stormwater.
- 21. Forested areas and green spaces are known to help regulate temperature extremes in cities. While Invercargill is not a large city with significant temperature fluctuations, it is important to recognise the benefits these spaces provide and retain these opportunities over the long-term.

21. Environment Southland supports bringing a climate change lens to the 30 year plus masterplan, as this process will enable long-term investment into climate initiatives that will capture carbon while also being resilient to climate impacts.

Recommendation

h. That Invercargill City Council apply a climate change lens to developments within the Park to ensure that climate adaptation and mitigation measures are implemented over the long term.

Environment Southland again thanks you for the opportunity to submit on the draft plans for Donovan Park.



N G Horrell Chairman

Here is a late submission Donovan Perk Management Plan I intended to do one, as I participated earlier in this plan, but don't really have a good reason for being late. Sorry , I'm not sure if there is discretion to Include my feedback and am aware. also this may create inconvience and extra work on your part. But I've writer it so may as well provide it. I appreciate the efforts and experience and knowledge of Parks Planners to create the concepts For this Parks Puture. I appreciate and want to advocate Thankyou if my submission can be used in any way, or noted as a late submission Regards Louise O'Callagla

L O'Callaghan

Submission Donovan Park Management Plan

I support the draft Management Plan for Donovan park, and investment in wider and increased access and recreational use of Donovan Park reserve land by rateapayers and recreational or sporting groups.

Retention of Ownership, and development of wider and increased access is a priority for Council: In a future where "play" is important, within the city, proximal to peoples homes, without leaving the city. Donovan park is a unique formula of interesting and natural land for public use and with scope to *provide location* for additional other recreational sports/play/recreation groups, or Council-developed "play" facitlites,

1 Council recently is discussing investment in "play".

One concept was a Margaret Mahy playground.

Donovan Park is the perfect site, providing scope for such exciting developments, or for *private "play" investments*: it has ample space, easy parking and is easily accessed by main arterials.

Invercargill parents consistently post on Facebook, that they struggle to find attractions and facilities to engage their children, and desire the *presence* of more "play ' attractions in this city, even if they are paid ones.

Council should, as part of its play strategy and Parks department in its management, actively encourage set up of additional free and commercial play attractions for families at Donovan Park.

Donovan Park has *scope* to be a hub with family-based, recreational activities, that families consistently report are lacking in this city.

- 2 Retention of full ownership of Donovan Park as Reserve land is important, to future proof the changing recreational needs of this city. It has reserve status, and there is no basis that there is a lack of need for recreational use of this land. Conversely there is no basis that there is a lack of land for residential housing, given the scope for infill of exisiting aged housing stock.
- 3. There is visible lack of priority and investment in play in the northern suburbs of Invercargill, including Waikiwi Grasmere , and visible *priority to maintenance and upgrade of play in South Invercargill.* Yet Waikiwi grasmere too is lower socio economic, with the same needs for play and sporting and recreational, or dogwalking , or *community* facilities.

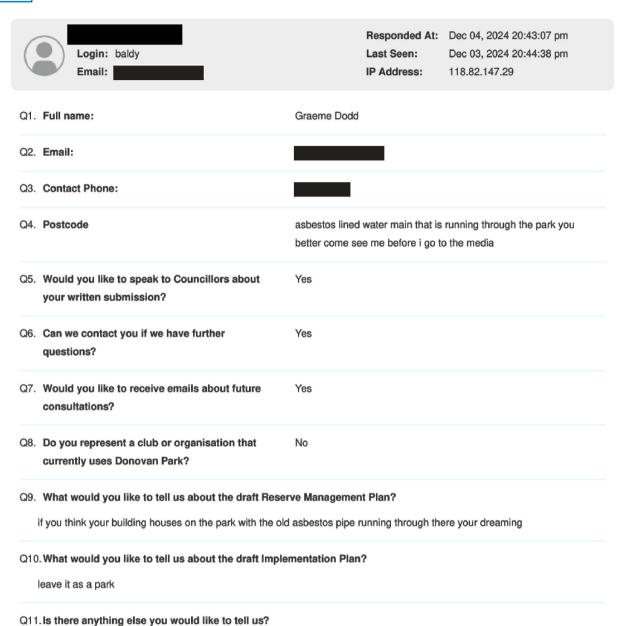
4 Speed limits of Roadway

The through road should be amended to pedestrian priortiy, with amended speed limit of 10km/hr consistent with the Esk Street pedestrianised model. *It cannot be justified, that the speed limit is higher or different to the pedestriansed zone of Esk Street.*

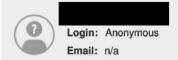
Always, the roadway will in fact be a main pedestrian -way: there is little scope for a "parallel foot path adjacent to the tarmac, and this would look ugly and be expensive and unnecessary useage of public funds in any case (and to do so , would be saying the priority is *vehicles?*) Pedestrians enjoy walking on the road and want to continue walking on this road, but *feeling safe* and that *they*, and **recreation** are priority.

I disagree entirely that roading within Donovan Park ever be upgraded to roadway. (unless that is literally the far, eastern fenceline); additional roadway is unnecessary given the low number of residents north and the miniscule decrease in travel time.

The current speed limit is too high and an achronicsm of the past. The appropriate speed limit ahead is to reflect the changed recreational use of 2025 that this is a pedestrianised zone, and a recreational zone. As stated, it cannot be justified that the speed limit Is higher or different to Esk Street.



Q1. Full name:	Richard Little	
Q2. Email:		
Q3. Contact Phone:		
Q4. Postcode	I do not believe any part of the land should be sold or made available for sale. Once sold, it cannot be recovered.	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No	
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes	
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No	
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No	
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Rese	erve Management Plan?	
I do not believe any part of it should be sold or made available for sale.		
Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?		
I do not believe any part of it should be sold or made available for sale.		
Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? No, thank you,		



Responded At: Dec 04, 2024 22:57:33 pm **Last Seen:** Dec 04, 2024 22:57:33 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Full name:	Rayoni Lee
Q2. Email:	
Q3. Contact Phone:	not answered
Q4. Postcode	Please do not revoke any of the land. Keep it all as one. The land is special to Invercargill. Such a shame it was broken up. We would never be able to buy it back again once sold. Option A sounds great to me No Revocation
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

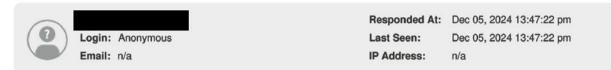
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Please do not revoke any of the land. Keep it all as one. The land is special to Invercargill. Such a shame it was broken up. We would never be able to buy it back again once sold. Option A sounds great to me. - No Revocation. The rest of the plan looks very good to me. I like keeping the natural beauty, but more carparks, tables,

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

not answered

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?



Q1. Full name:	W & amp; J Devine
Q2. Email:	
Q3. Contact Phone:	
Q4. Postcode	Why is there a perceived preference to maintain the status quo?
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No
9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	

We Support the revocation of part of Donavan Park reserve for residential type housing.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

There is an abundance of parks in Invercargill with Andersons Park just across the road to the north of Donavan Park. There is a shortage of residential 3 zoning suitable for Residential, Retirement Village and elderly type housing land that council should be able to make available for residential type use.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

The original draft plan map allowed for a portion of the park to be rezoned for residential use to make better use of part of Donavan Park. Council is starting to go to consult and reconsult on a number of issues in this past year. You are elected to govern the city which sometime means making hard decisions'.



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Feb 14, 2025 10:11:23 am

Last Seen: Feb 14, 2025 10:11:23 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Full name:	Wade Devine
Q2. Email:	
Q3. Contact Phone:	
Q4. Postcode	9872
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	. No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

This submission is in addition to previous submission, where I omitted to express an opinion on the 3 options espoused in the Draft Management plan. I support option 3 as the city needs more land for elderly housing and retirement homes. The city has as an abundance of reserve with Anderson Park being just across the road in McIvor road.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

The plan is confusing to read with so much reference to Te Reo Māori. It would be better to publish in full English and Te Reo Māori versions.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2024 17:59:58 pm **Last Seen:** Dec 17, 2024 17:59:58 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Full name:	Bruce Graham Halligan
Q2. Email:	
Q3. Contact Phone:	
Q4. Postcode	Unsure what this is ? I'd it's about revocation I favour option a - no revocation
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Rese	erve Management Plan?

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

I think the emphasis on active transport and sheltered walking trails is really important. Invercargill has too few sheltered trails and we really need them to encourage people to use them. Not sure about the community forest / garden concept - nice idea in principle but often these get vandalised and or fade over time. The location of this is a prime area and maybe better used for something else?

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

I don't favour revoking reserve status- when it's gone it's gone and am not convinced the money would go to the right place I.e. enhancing this and other reserves



Responded At: Dec 20, 2024 14:18:10 pm **Last Seen:** Dec 20, 2024 14:18:10 pm

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Q5.	Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No	
Q6.	Can we contact you if we have further questions?	No	
Q7.	Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes	
Q8.	Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No	
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Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

Overall I am supportive especially of areas for community garden. However, I strongly feel we need a second dog park in Invercargill and ask why can we not consider an area to be fenced off for this purpose?

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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Responded At: Dec 21, 2024 16:51:28 pm **Last Seen:** Dec 21, 2024 16:51:28 pm

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

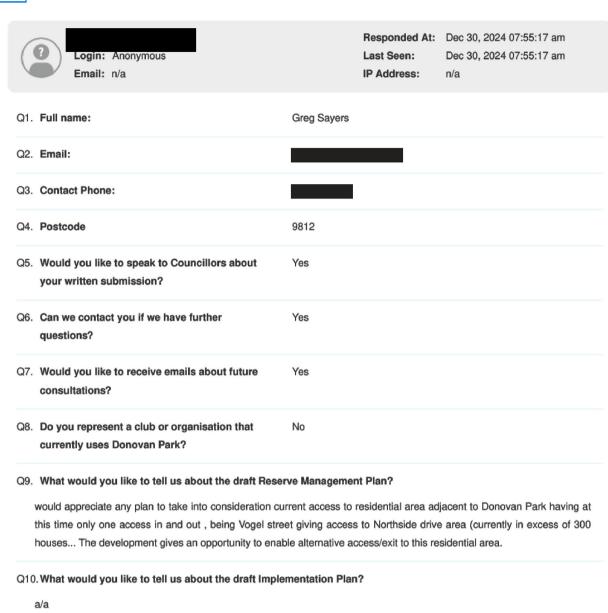
Donovan Park is undoubtedly an asset to Invercargill residents and ratepayers, and particularly those who live within its immediate proximity. However, this reserve - at more or less of similar size to Queen's park - is grossly under utilised in its current form, with large parts of it inaccessible to the general public and now requiring significant investment to transform it in to a modern, fit for purpose reserve. Alongside the growth and development in North Invercargill, I fully support the Reserve Management Plan's vision to breathe new life into, and transform Donovan Park into a more vibrant, welcoming and community oriented space fit for the 21st century and beyond - albeit on a much smaller scale than what is outlined in the RMP and at no cost to the ratepayers. I believe the issue of Revocation needs to be dealt with a priority to provide further focus to the RMP. I offer my strong support to Revocation Option C in order to unlock the funding and development opportunities that will in turn, provide further guidance about how the space can be used and unburden ratepayers of the subsequent redevelopment costs. To undertake all the work outlined within the RMP - which is significant - a large amount of existing council funding will need to be reprioritised to support the various focus groups, case studies and consultations etc needed, before knowing exactly how much land and what parts there will be to work with, while the revocation decision remains outstanding. There is currently significant risk of spending undefined resources before resolving what, and how much land will be disposed of or remain for the general public. The Revocation opportunity offers a solution to one of the key issues identified in the RMP - funding for the initial work and subsequent ongoing maintenance costs. Revocation on part of the reserve land will provide sales proceeds that could be ring fenced to undertake the remodelling of the park (and associated consultations) and deliver additional lease opportunities within the subsequent development to provide regular income to reserve management (i.e. Cornwall Park in Auckland). Invercargill City Council has been afforded a unique opportunity through the way that Donovan Park was established that allows for its potential redevelopment in 2025 and beyond. It equally has a duty to the ratepayers to ensure it spends residents resources prudently and efficiently. A resolution on Revocation underpins this ethos to ensure current and future ratepayers do not carry any further debt for Council land development decisions.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

Prioritise consultation and the work required to understand Revocation in order to establish what the size and scope of the RMP should actually be.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

The RMP and Implementation Plan refers to work to be undertaken to establish feasibility of Donovan Park as an event space. There is already significant space within Invercargill City that can provide for many of the opportunities it describes, even if it requires repurposing or a conjunct with 3rd parties (i.e. the race course). Donovan Park is not currently equipped to handle events of scale - parking, toilets, access roads etc - all of which would need to be put in at cost, with questionable value on return of investment. The Implementation Plans refer to consultation with the A&P Association. I would argue The A&P Association made its own (financial) decision to relinquish its purposely held space (Centennial Park) for its annual event and should not burden the rate payer by asking the Council to substitute it.



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Responded At: Jan 04, 2025 21:41:11 pm **Last Seen:** Jan 04, 2025 21:41:11 pm

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

I do not want the reserve status revoked from any part of Donovan park as it is a huge asset to invercargill and once lost can not be replaced.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

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Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Council is not being up front in its consultation with ratepayers. Revocation of the reserve status from Donovan park is the first step to selling off the land for development purposes be upfront so ratepayers can give you honest feedback on what they think.



Responded At: Jan 04, 2025 21:50:57 pm **Last Seen:** Jan 04, 2025 21:50:57 pm

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

It seems that this consultation is not being fully transparent. If the intention is to rezone the land and sell it to developers for a residential subdivision, this has not been clearly reflected in the options provided, nor have the potential impacts been adequately explained. I want to make it clear that I would prefer the land to remain in reserve status in its entirety.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

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Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Leave Donovan Park in reserve status in its entirety.



Respondent No: 12 Login: Anonymous

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Responded At: Jan 13, 2025 08:19:31 am

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Some of the land needs to be rezoned and sold as residential development. The majority of the land is under utilized, is not maintained well and is a cost to the tax payers. Selling off some of the land will help fund any proposed development of the remaining area and ensure our rates can be kept to a manageable amount over the next few years. This would benefit ALL rates payers not just a select few.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

not answered

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Council needs to focus and spend money maintaining the parks and reserves that are utilized the most. Please Don't go lavishly redeveloping Donovan park to create future maintenance cost burden to the taxpayers when we have queens park in the centre of our city.



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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?

Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?

Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?

Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?

Yes (please specify)
General Manager at Bainfield Organic Gardens

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

We are very pleased with the proposed 3,10, and 30 year vision for the park. It only adds to what we do as an organisation and helps us to further promote everything we seek to provide for our Tangata Whaiora (people seeking wellbeing); restoring a healthy balance to life through connection with nature and community, teaching healthy life-skills through horticultural practices. Our only concern, and a very real concern, is the option b regarding the revocation of part of the land as this includes our current lease. We are a not for profit organisation and the costs associated for us to relocate buildings and structures on the lease (which we own), and to find alternative land to operate on would bankrupt us as our funding only covers enough for us to operate as we are. Bainfield gardens is well connected with other agencies in the mental health space and takes referrals from these agencies to act as a unique platform to transition those needing help back into the fullness of life. A real asset to our city and health system. The affect that having to move premises would mean the gardens would be shut down until such time as structures can be re-erected elsewhere provided funds can be found for new land, displacing our clients for an uncertain time period. This could severely impact their health and rehabilitation. All we can really ask is that our lease is omitted from option b for revocation, so that we may continue our lease in future. We have no concerns regarding having other developments on our doorstep, but our ability to continue to operate where we are currently would be a real asset to our community. Thank you

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

not answered

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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Responded At: Jan 14, 2025 07:34:21 am **Last Seen:** Jan 14, 2025 07:34:21 am

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Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes	
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes	
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No	
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan? I like the original Masterplan / Management plan without any areas for revocation		

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

Invercargill currently has over 300ha of undeveloped residentially zone land, removing TePuawai still leaves 235ha of Residential Zoned land that can still be developed. Council should focus on ensuring existing residential land is developed before contemplating trying to sell off recreational reserves to boost councils finances

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?



04 February 2025

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Tēnā koe,

SUBMISSION OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA ON THE DONOVAN PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

To: Invercargill City Council

From: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT)

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historic heritage.

This is submission on the Donovan Park Management Plan - Stage 2 Consultation

The specific parts of the Donovan Park Management Plan that HNZPT's submission relates to are
the historic heritage-related aspects of the document, including cultural heritage and
archaeology.

HNZPT supports the review of the Donovan Park Management Plan for the following reasons:

The Donovan Park Management Plan should recognise and manage the significant historic heritage within the park for future generations, whilst managing sustainable development of the park.

3. Heritage provides invaluable intergenerational connection, linking us with our tīpuna and with our future descendants. Through heritage, previous generations are seen, understood, and closer to being known. Heritage places and their stories also help to build understanding between

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people, contributing to strong communities and social cohesion. The Donovan Park Management Plan should consolidate the parks historical significance, community aspirations, ecological value and recreational opportunities into a document for use by its stakeholders. The Management Plan will assist with decision making at all stages of use, management, and development of the Park.

The Donovan Park Management Plan gives effect to higher order planning documents

4. The Plan gives effect to higher planning documents including the National Planning Standards, Southland Regional Policy Statement, and the Operative Invercargill City Council District Plan. These documents are required to give effect to the purpose and principles of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), including recognising and providing for matters of national importance, in particular 6(e) "the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga"; and 6(f) "the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development".

HNZPT recommends the following is considered when drafting the final Donovan Park Management Plan.

- HNZPTA is consulted before earthworks are commenced and areas of historic heritage are protected from inappropriate use and development, and
- Heritage Interpretation is implemented consistently throughout the Plan.

Archaeological Assessment and Management Plan

Archaeological Provisions and Obligations in the HNZPTA

- 5. HNZPT reminds Council of the archaeological provisions of the HNZPTA and the regulatory framework that governs any activity that may modify or destroy an archaeological site.
- 6. Under the HNZPTA an Archaeological Authority must be obtained from HNZPT prior to any works that may modify or destroy any archaeological site, whether the site is unrecorded or has been previously recorded. An archaeological site is defined in section 6 of the HNZPTA as:
 - (a) any place in New Zealand, including any building or structure (or part of a building or structure), that:
 - i. is associated with human activity that occurred before 1900 or is the site of the wreck of any vessel where the wreck occurred before 1900; and
 - ii. provides or may provide, through investigation by archaeological methods, evidence relating to the history of New Zealand; and
 - (b) includes a site for which a declaration is made under section 43(1).

- 7. There is potential to encounter subsurface archaeological features associated with the historic occupation, regardless of whether any part of these structures remain above ground. The potential for encountering archaeology increases where there has been pre 1900 human occupation nearby.
- 8. It is an offence to modify or destroy an archaeological site without an authority from HNZPT under Section 87 of the HNZPTA. Therefore, it is important to make Council aware of this obligation.
- 9. Regarding the proposed works, there are multiple plans which require minor earthworks, such as enhancing the landscape (may require some level of earthworks for landscaping) and enhancing amenities and facilities to encourage visitor use (may require earthworks to upgrade service pipes). As the land that encompasses Donovan Park was previously a pre-1900 home stead (recorded as E46/158), HNZPT commend ICC for direction that may be required for the development of park, HNZPT will be consulted when appropriate (Section 3.1).
- 10. Additionally, HNZPT notes that ICC has identified that requirements for an archaeological authority. We commend the ICC clearly identifying where historic heritage and possible archaeology known and unknown, requires advise from HNZPT.
- 11. Additionally, we note there is potential to dispose of some of the Donovan Park land for residential development. HNZPT should be contacted once these areas are finalised to assess whether there is potential for land development to encounter archaeology.

Heritage Interpretation

- 12. Heritage interpretation needs to go beyond simple wayfinding. HNZPT recommends the implementation and maintenance of additional interpretation panels within the Park. The interpretation panels should include the breath of stories which form the history of the site and preferably be developed in consultation with Heritage New Zealand.
- 13. The retention, maintenance and enhancement of any heritage structures, the setting and archaeology within the Park should be included in the management objectives and policies. ICC have effectively identified where appropriate HNZPT and ICC can work together to protect historic heritage from inappropriate use and development.

HNZPT does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Ngā mihi,



Sarah Gallagher Area Manager, Otago & Southland

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

We agree with the majority of the details outlined in the RMP apart from: - question the need for a driving range when golfing numbers are declining and there is already a driving in range at Green Acres Golf Club. - cycling is now a very popular recreation activity, perhaps a pump track could be developed - there will be other opportunities arising in the future and to have land available for them in this reserve will be a great asset to Invercargill - it is good to see that drainage will be improved to improve the valuable soil and enabling more certainty for events to be held - we are strongly opposed to the reduction of the size of Donovan Park reserve in any form. Invercargill City continues to grow and it is important that we retain this whole reserve and recreation area for future generations as was intended when the land was purchased. Selling any reserve areas is a short-sighted approach to reduce debt given the climate change challenges we are facing. Central government is recommending to councils not to sell reserve areas.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

not answered

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

We have travelled through many areas of New Zealand over the last year and can see that Donovan Park has the potential to be used for many different activities, e.g. daffodil plantings enabling a Spring Festival to be held.

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Responded At: Jan 16, 2025 21:42:09 pm **Last Seen:** Jan 16, 2025 21:42:09 pm

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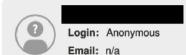
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Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
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Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

I wonder what the point of adding so much wet land area ais is proposed is. This would tie up quite a lot of space which might be useful for other purposes in the future and will require more maintenance of surrounding vegetation as proposed.

Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

I can see merit in subdividing part of the eastern side of the land as some of it is already used commercially with the restaurant, community garden and nursery areas. Its sale would bring in much needed funds for the Council. I would favour subdivision of the area marked in yellow, but not the whole area marked in blue as this would prevent expansion of the recreational areas as may be needed for future residents of any housing built nearby. Much of the private land to the east side of the park to Retreat Road is already undergoing or has undergone reasonably intensive housing subdivision, so this part would simply be an extension of that activity.



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Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Supportive of the guiding principles within the plan Supportive of the inclusion of Active Transport corridors and nature play within the reserve, it would be great to have an Active Transport Plan that connects each green space/reserve to each other to support active commuting in our community (away from the roads).

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

Nothing to add re the implementation plan other that it would be good to have a couple of improvements/development made to Donovan Park early to reassure the community that changes/enhancements are going to be made. Assists with the community feeling listened too.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

We are supportive of the draft management plan.

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Responded At: Feb 13, 2025 09:21:51 am **Last Seen:** Feb 13, 2025 09:21:51 am

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Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	No

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

We agree with the original feedback provided on our behalf from Healthy Families Invercargill - which covered improved community gardens, fruit trees and other developments with a focus on food resilience and education. Continuing to provide fair leases for organisations such as Spirit Army who are key to empowering and teaching families about kai is crucial.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

Three years is a long time in terms of starting implementation and gives risk that the Council teams will believe they need to re-consult to 'check again'. There needs to be some commitment now to get the ball rolling, and the program of work locked in as per the current set of feedback.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

not answered

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Responded At: Feb 14, 2025 13:39:59 pm **Last Seen:** Feb 14, 2025 13:39:59 pm

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission?	No
Q6. Can we contact you if we have further questions?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park?	Yes (please specify) Equestrian

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

The Plan is a great outline of the history and background, management approach, vision, guiding principles, objectives and policies for the Donovan Park reserve. Please thank the relevant staff for all the hard work they have put into producing this plan. As per page 18 I agree its important to ensure the unique natural and heritage character of the reserve is preserved and celebrated; to have connectivity with the wider open space network within Invercargill, Donovan Park is an important link between Thomson's Bush, and Queens and Andersons Parks; and to ensure that land use activities are justified, and usage is managed effectively and efficiently. Page 27 I agree with the guiding principles celebrating the unique natural character, promoting open space network and rationalising land use - it is an important transition area between rural and urban, the stormwater function is an important one as is the linkage corridor it provides for ecology and recreation, the use of the land definitely needs to be sustainable and having such a multi-use area within the city is a real asset. Page 28 Delivering the Vision outlines some great focuses for the 3 key themes and I think this will really enhance the biological environment and the active use of Donovan Park. Pages 30-32 Objectives and Policies I agree with the Celebrating Unique Natural Character, Promoting Open Space Network and Rationalising Land Use - in particular it will be great to enhance the recreation and play areas, protect the rural qualities and continue with animal displays etc. for education and enjoyment, have better biodiversity outcomes whilst improving stormwater functions with the use of the wetland areas, have continued operation of current leases and continue the operation of equestrian activities (there were a number of non-equestrian people who used the Park watching the One Day Event that was held there this past weekend), having efficient and sustainable use of the reserve over the long-term is key as is valuing the importance of the high quality soils as elsewhere locally these have been developed e.g the Lorneville roundabout corner. In terms of Future Development, I feel the advantages of the revocation of the reserve are not as great as the disadvantages and any housing developer would make a lot more money than they would initially pay the Council for, look at the example of the development of Inverurie on Retreat Road. I do not agree with any revocation of any part of the Donovan Park reserve, I fully support option a) no revocation. I think the Reserve Management Plan has a fantastic outline for enhancing the whole of the current area of Donovan Park reserve for future use that is sustainable over the long term, its a real asset to our city so it would be a shame to lose any part of it. It is also great to see the Council looking at enhancing the north Invercargill area, South Alive is doing a fantastic job in south Invercargill so it would be great to put some focus on north Invercargill as well.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

I think the draft Implementation Plan is a great outline of the actions that need to be undertaken and the timeline for these, its a fantastic document to progress this work.

Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Please don't revoke any areas of Donovan Park, otherwise I fully support the enhancement vision for Donovan Park, its an important asset for our community that we need to retain. Keep up the great work with progressing the long term sustainable enhancement of Donovan Park.

Login: Anonymous
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Responded At: Feb 14, 2025 15:00:09 pm **Last Seen:** Feb 14, 2025 15:00:09 pm

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Q1. Full name: Duncan Mckenzie Q2. Email: Q3. Contact Phone: Q4. Postcode 9810 Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors about No your written submission? Q6. Can we contact you if we have further Yes questions? Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future Yes consultations? Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that No currently uses Donovan Park?

Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Plan is generally good. The use for recreation is excellent. This will be extremely beneficial for Invercargill over the next 50 years. The plan is progressive and insightful.

Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?

General planning is good. We don't really know what uses may be best suited in the future -but we need to honour outdoor recreation... this needs to be very clear in the planning process and should include the whole area.

Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

The large area on the east side is currently unclassified in the plan. It should be explicitly designated as open recreation parkland and clearly marked as such. The plan must make it unequivocal that this land cannot be used for residential development, as that is not its intended zoning. To safeguard it from future development pressures, the plan should include strong protections ensuring that this recreation land remains preserved permanently.

Make a submission letstalk.icc.govt.nz



Stage Two Consultation - Draft Reserve Management Plan

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1	Graeme Dodd	Not answered	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Notes that building houses on the park with the old asbestos pipe running through.	Leave it as a park.	Not answered.	An email response was provided to the submitter on 6 Dec 2024 confirming that the old Branxholme pipe, is made of asbestos, and is being decommissioned. It will remain in the ground although it will no longer be part of the network. Many of the pipes through the city are asbestos, absots os pipes remain safe until such a time that work is required to be carried out on them. When replacement or maintenance work occurs, this work is performed by workers using appropriate personal protective equipment.
2	Richard Little	Not answered	No	Yes	No	No	Does not believe any part of it should be sold or made available for sale.	Does not believe any part of it should be sold or made available for sale.	No, thank you.	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.
3	Rayoni Lee	Not answered	No	Yes	Yes	No	Objects to revoking any of the land, noting the land is special to Invercargill and would not be able to buy it back again once sold. Supports Option A - No Revocation. The rest of the plan looks very good. Supports keeping the natural beauty, but more carparks, tables.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.
4	W & J Devine	Not answered	No	Yes	Yes	No	Support option 3 revocation of part of Donovan Park reserve for residential type housing, noting the city needs more land for elderly housing and retirement homes and there is abundance of reserve with Anderson Park being just across the road in McIvor Road.	in Invercargill with Anderson Park north of Donovan Park. There is a shortage of residential 3 zoning suitable for Residential, Retirement Village and elderly	use of part of Donovan Park. Council is starting to go to consult and reconsult on a number of issues in this past year. You are elected to govern the city which	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.

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5	Murray Mclachlan	Not answered	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Should stay as council reserve.The grazing of it needs better management by contractor to provide a better retun. Some areas have not been grazed for two years.	Not answered.	Suspicious of who the mayor sees as a prospective buyer,and what his connection to them may be.	Acknowledged, grazing is noted in policy 8.1.2.4 as a management tool.
6	Bruce Graham Halligan	Not answered	No	Yes	Yes	No	Generally looks good.	Thinks emphasis on active transport and sheltered walking trails is really important. Invercargill has too few sheltered trails and they are needed to encourage people to use them. Not sure about the community forest / garden concept - nice idea in principle, often these get vandalised and or fade over time. The location of this is a prime area and maybe better used for something else?	it's gone. Is not convinced the money would go to the right place I.e. enhancing this and other reserves. Favours option	Active transport and cultivation will be explored turther as part of the implementation plan.
7	Joline Wilson	9810	No	No	Yes	No	Not answered.	Overall supportive especially of areas for community garden. Strongly feels a second dag park is needed in Invercargill. Asks why not consider an area to be fenced off for this purpose?	Not answered.	Donovan Park is a dog off lead area as noted in policy 8.3.2.6 and Council will explore any dog park proposals as they are presented in line with Animal Services Team.
8	Jarl Devine	1061	NO	Yes	No		Park is underutilised in its current form, with large parts inaccessible to the general public and now requiring significant investment to transform it in to a modern, fit for purpose reserve. Supports the RMP's vision to breathe life into and transform the reserve into a more vibrant, welcoming and community oriented space fit for 21st century and beyond, on a smaller scale outlined and at no cost to ratepayers. Supports option C to unlock the funding and development opportunities that will in turn, provide further guidance about how the space can be used and unburden ratepayers of the subsequent redevelopment costs. To undertake all the work outlined within the RMP a large amount of existing council funding will need to be reprioritised to support the various focus groups, case studies and consultations etc needed, before knowing exactly how much land and what parts there will be to work with, while the revocation decision remains outstanding, Highlights significant risk of spending undefined resources before resolving what, and how much land will be disposed of or remain for the general public. A resolution on Revocation underpins this ethos to ensure current and future ratepayers do not carry any further debt for Council land development decisions.	Prioritise consultation and work required to understand revocation in order to establish what the size and scope of the RMP should be.		Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977. Phased development options will be implemented with available funding.

9	Greg Sayers	9812	Yes	Yes	Yes	Мо	Appreciates consideration of current access to residential area adjacent to Donovan Park, being Vogel street giving access to Northside drive area to enable alternative access/exit to this residential area.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Current access is sufficient to meet demand for this residential area.
10	Glenn Oconnor	9876	No	Yes	Yes	No	Does not want the reserve status revoked from any part of Donovan park as it is a huge asset to Invercargill and once lost can not be replaced.		its consultation with	Council has been clear via consultation from the beginning that any proposal to revocate reserve status follows s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977 and that this process is separate to the reserve management plan process.
11	Kelly O'Connor	9876	No	Yes	Yes	No	Notes consultation as not being fully transparent. If the intention is to rezone the land and sell it to developers for a residential subdivision, this has not been clearly reflected in the options provided, nor have the potential impacts been adequately explained. Submitter would prefer the land to remain in reserve status in its entirety.	Same as RMP feedback.	Leave Donovan Park in reserve status in its entirety.	Council has been clear via consultation from the beginning that any proposal to revocate reserve status follows .24 of the Reserves Act 1977 and that this process is separate to the reserve management plan process.
12	Michelle Fraser	9872	No	Yes	No	No	Some of the land needs to be rezoned and sold as residential development. The majority of the land is under utilized, is not maintained well and is a cost to the tax payers. Selling off some of the land will help fund any proposed development of the remaining area and ensure our rates can be kept to a manageable amount over the next few years. This would benefit ALL rates payers not just a select few.	Not answered.	Council needs to focus and spend money maintaining the parks and reserves that are utilised the most. Don't redevelop Donovan Park to create future maintenance cost burden to the taxpayers.	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977. Further investigations will be required including communication with leases if that was to be a preferred option by Council.
13	Simon Cook	9810	No	Yes	Yes	General Manager at Bainfield Organic Gardens	Pleased with 3,10 and 30 year vision. It aligns with their work. Concerned with option B and request being ommitted from any future development proposals where they are having to move location and affect client health and rehabilitation.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977. further investigations will be required including communication with leases if that was to be a preferred option by Council.
14	Rodney	9812	No	Yes	Yes	No		invercargill currently has over 300ha of undeveloped residenticity zoned land, removing TePuawai still leaves 235ha of Residential Zoned land that can still be developed. Council should focus on ensuring existing residential land is developed before contemplating trying to sell off recreational reserves to boost Council's finances.	Not answered.	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.

15	Sarah Gallagher on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT)	9054	No	Yes	Not answered	Points include: 1. Heritage Interpretation is implemented consistently throughout the Plan. 2. Commends ICC clearly identifying where historic heritage and possible archaeology known and unknown, requires advice from HNZPT. 3. Note there is potential to dispose of some of the Donovan Park land for residential development. HNZPT should be contacted once these areas are finalised to assess whether there is potential for land development to encounter archaeology. 4. HNZPT recommends the implementation and maintenance of additional interpretation panels within the Park. 5. ICC have effectively identified where appropriate HNZPT and ICC can work together to protect historic heritage from inappropriate use and development.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977. Further investigations will be required including communication with HNZPT if revocation process was to proceed. Interpretation panels will be included as part of promoting the open space network.
16	Colin and Bev Robertson	9810	No	Yes	Yes	Agree with the majority of the details autilined in the RMP noting: - question the need for a driving range when golfing numbers are declining and there is already a driving in range at Green Acres Golf Club. - cycling is now a very popular recreation activity, perhaps a pump track could be developed - there will be other opportunities arising in the future and to have land available for them in this reserve will be a great asset to invercargill - it is good to see that drainage will be improved to improve the valuable soil and enabling more certainty for events to be held - strongly opposes reduction of the size of Donovan Park reserve in any form. Selling any reserve areas is a short-sighted approach to reduce debt given the climate change challenges. Central government is recommending to councils not to sell reserve areas.		different activities, e.g.	The driving range was kept in the reserve management plan to better understand its use before making any proposed changes after discussions with Southland Golf Club. Further active transport investigations could consider this as well. Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977. Acknowledges suggested activities noting for future ideas.

17	Alistair Calvert	9810	No No	Yes	Yes	No No		land area. This would tie up quite a lot of space which might be useful for other purposes in the future and will require more maintenance of surrounding vegetation as proposed.	as some of it is already used commercially with the restaurant, community garden and nursery areas.Its sale would bring in much needed	A wetland was seen as a realistic approach to addressing the naturally wet space that occurs already and it will need to be investigated further as part of the implementation plan to understand the scale and how it connects with the blue green network connectivity with other open spaces. Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977. The implementation timeframe is 2024-27 and there
10	wertay rinally on behalf of Active Southland	70/7	INO	165	les		Active Transport corridors and nature play within the reserve, it would be great to have an Active Transport Plan that connects each green space/reserve to each other to support active commuting in our community (away from the roads).	suggests undertainty some improvements/ development at Donovan Park early to reassure the community that changes/ enhancements are going to be made. Assists with the community feeling listened to.	management plan.	are actions within this timeframe Council will aim to pick off once the reserve management plan has been adopted. The Active Transport Plan is something Council will be looking at as part of a City wide strategy.

20		9810	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	invercargill as the city gradually expanded and developed in that direction. Long term provision of land for open space is important as it is impossible to regain this once the area is developed for other purposes. The draft plan makes good provision for gradual recreational growth across the reserve as the need dictates. The recreational development of Donovan Park should be phased with the ability to fund the development, and the community's needs. In the short term, opening up walking access to more areas can be made available at very little extra cost. Water retention and provision of welfands will also help the city as climate events occur in the future. The retention of all the land in the reserve is essential if future generations of Invercargill citizers are to be afforded the same recreational davantages as we have been given. Please do not make any revocation of any of the reserve as it is important to consider not only the many people who use it now for recreation purposes, but also the future generations as the area around the park gets more and more built in. Please do not consider the short-term one-off gain of a sale because when it's gone, we cannot get it back NO to any sale of any part of Donovan Park. Support improved community gardens, fruit trees and other developments with a		The submitter's short stint being involved with the city's reserves (5.3, years) has shown the importance of sufficient open space being available prior to infill and development.	Acknowledges support for trails, water and land retention, and wetlands. Any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.
	Collective						facus on food resilience and education. Continuing to provide fair leases for organisations such as Spirit Army who are key to empowering and teaching families about kai is crucial.	terms of starting implementation and gives risk that the Council teams will believe they need to re-consult to 'check again'. There needs to be some commitment now to get the ball rolling, and the program of work locked in as per the current set of feedback.		education. The implementation timeframe is 2024-27 and there are actions within this timeframe Council will aim to pick off once the reserve management plan has been adopted.

21	Marcus Roy on behalf of	9840	Yes	Yes		Environment Southland	Supports the guiding principles of celebrating the unique and natural character of the park, promoting an open space network and rationalising land use.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Acknowledges support for biodiversity plantings, cultivation, enhancing ponds, retaining water and
	Environment Southland					Southand	Recommend identifying areas or pockets of indigenous vegetation to be developed to support indigenous species distribution. Supports the identification and retention of a "cultivation area". Suggests opportunity to establish another indigenous ecosystem within the City boundaries that can encourage fauna. Increasing indigenous biodiversity within the Park will enable birds and insects to rest and hop to other surrounding areas as well as potentially supporting resident populations. Support the recognition and retention of the cultivation area in the Reserve Management Plan. Recommends Donovan Park's ecosystems are enhanced by active regeneration with locally sourced Southland appropriate indigenous species. Recommends Pest management is established as part of the management plan. Recommends plan support to the management plan and the proposal and the proposal activities and as boundary planting. Establishing an indigenous flora and fauna baseline within Donovan Park prior to and post enhancement is suggested to identify the net biodiversity gain from the investment. Retain the proposal to enhance ponds, waterways and wetlands throughout the park as this will have a net positive impact on stormwater and biodiversity. Recommends Council work with Environment Southland's Integrated Catchment and Land Sustainability Team when designing and building wetlands and ponds. Identify the location of networks ervices and plan future hard infostructure around proposage ponds, wetlands and open drainage networks. Recommend that the new wetland areas do not establish open water ponds but rather shallow water areas (up to 0.4 m deep) with mainly indigenous wetland plant species. This type of wetland will support native wetland bird species and nutrient uptake. Donovan Park should be retained as an area for managing and filtering stormwater.			fillering stormwater, Will ensure to include Environment Southland's Integrated Catchment and Land Sustainability Team when designing and building wetlands and ponds.
							Recommends Council apply a climate change lens to developments within the Park to ensure that climate adaptation and mitigation measures are implemented over the long term.			
22	Julie Manson on behalf of Rugby Southland	9810	Yes	Yes	Yes	Rugby Southland	2.4.1.1 - Management Areas - Sports and Recreation Hub. Donovan Park is an important area for Sports in Invercargill. While the Walkiwi Rugby are the main users, it is also used by James Hargest Rugby Club, Rugby Southland Representative Teams and in Summer Touch Southland.		Donovan Park could be the flag ship sports field/recreation ground/community hub in invercargill. There is definitely room to move and grow. A large demographic of the community could be actively participating in this area. Sacred Heart, Donovan, Myross Bush, Makarewa School, James Hargest, Salford School, Southland Adventist School to name a few.	The community hub is well supported thrugh both the Masterplan and reserve mangement plan. Opportunities to collaborate with Rugby Southland and local clubs are noted through policy 8.2.2 as a focus for the Rationalising Land Use Guiding Principle. Council will also collaborate as per the implementation of the plan., when planning for the community hub area.

23	Katrina Robertson	9872	No	Yes	Yes	Equestrian	Supports outline of the history and background, management approach, vision, guiding principles, objectives and policies for the reserve. Thanks the relevant staff for all the hard work they have put into producing this plan. Agrees with guiding principles, objective and policies on celebrating the unique natural character, promoting open space network and rationalising land use on Pages 18, 27, 30-32. Supports preservation and celebration of unique natural and heritage character of the reserve and connectivity with the wider open space network within invercargill, land use activities are justified, and usage is managed effectively and efficiently. Sees importance of transition area between rural and urban, the stormwater function, the use of the land needs to be sustainable and multi-use area. Page 28 Delivering the Vision outlines focuses for the 3 key themes and thinks this will enhance the biological environment and the active use of Donovan Park. Suggests enhance the recreation and play areas, protect the rural qualities and continue with animal displays, better biodiversity outcomes, improving stormwater functions, welland areas, continued operation of current leases and equestrian activities. Values the importance of the high quality soils. Notes advantages of the revocation of the reserve are not as great as the disadvantages and do not agree with any revocation of any part of the Donovan Park reserve, fully supports option a) no revocation. Notes the Reserve Management Plan has a fantostic outline for enhancing the whole of the current area of Donovan Park reserve for future use that is sustainable over the long term. Supports the Council looking at enhancing the north Invercargill area.	Thinks the draft Implementation Plan is a great outline of the actions that need to be undertaken and the timeline for these, its of antostic document to progress this work.	of Donovan Park, stupport the enhancement vision for	Acknowledges support for the guiding principles, contunuation of current leases and equestrian. Acknowledges support for option a - no revocation, noting any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.
24	Duncan Mckenzie	9810	No	Yes	Yes	No	Plan is generally good. The use for recreation is excellent. This will be extremely beneficial for invercargill over the next 50 years. The plan is progressive and insightful.	General planning is good. We don't really know what uses may be best suited in the future but we need to honour outdoor recreation this needs to be very clear in the planning process and should include the whole area.	designated as open recreation parkland and clearly marked as such. The	Acknowledges feedback, notes any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken tollowing the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.
25	Trevor Wilkes	Not answered	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ok, against sale.	Raises land was gifted to Council and selling would let people down.	Thinking about the future of the City.	Acknowledges feedback, notes any revocation process will still be required to be undertaken following the completion of the reserve management plan under s.24 of the Reserves Act 1977.

26	Louise O'Callaghan	Not	Yes	Not	Not	Not	The park has scope as location for additional recreation sports and play, or Council	Not answered	Not answered	Acknowledges support for play, community hub and
		answered		answered	answered	answered	developed play facilities, noting a lack of priority and investment in play in north			would encourage feedback on speed to be
							Invercargill. It has scope to be a hub with family-based, reacreional activities. There			provided via the Traffic and Roading Bylaw when
							is no basis there is a lack of need for recreational use and there is no basis that there			that goes out for review.
							is a lack of land for residential housing. Suggests amending the road to prioritise			
							pedestrians, consistent with the Esk St pedestrianised zone of Esk St, to ensure safety			
							of users.			

CONSULTATION COLLATERAL

- 1. Public Notice
- 2. Posters, Signs, Letter Drops
- 3. Submission Form Hard Copy
- 4. Let's Talk
- 5. Letter to Neighbouring Residents
- 6. Email to clubs, agencies, organisations and past submitters
- 7. Social Media

1. Public Notice Placed on 4 December 2024 and 8 January 2025



DRAFT DONOVAN PARK RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Council has approved the draft of the Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan for release to the public for comment.

You are invited, pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, to lodge written submissions on the draft Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan. As part of this process, Council is also inviting you to provide feedback on the draft implementation plan which has been developed to support the execution and administration of the Reserve Management Plan.

Submissions should be submitted via Let's Talk, or via submission forms located at Invercargill Public Library (50 Dee Street, Invercargill), Te Hînaki – Civic Building (101 Esk Street, Invercargill) or our Parks and Recreation Office (Queens Park) by Friday 14 February, 2025.

This notice was first advertised on Wednesday 4 December, 2024.

For more information on the draft Reserve Management Plan, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office, Queens Park, telephone 03 2199070 or email parks.recreation@icc.govt.nz; or visit https://letstalk.icc.govt.nz/.

Caroline L Rain

PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

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2. Posters, Signs, Letter Drops



3. Submission Form Hard Copy



Have we got our Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan right?

Stage Two Consultation - Draft Reserve Management Plan Submission Form

Council is inviting you, pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, to lodge a written submission on this draft Reserve Management Plan and draft Implementation Plan.

This information will be considered by Elected Members in compliance with section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Please note that submissions, including names, will be included in papers which are available to the public.

If you have indicated that you wish to be heard, you will be contacted to arrange time to speak to a panel of elected members.

Submissions close Friday 14 February 2025

Stage Two – Draft Reserve Management Plan Submission Form

Make a submission letstalk.icc.govt.nz



Stage Two Consultation – Draft Reserve Management Plan

Personal details	
Full name:	(Required)
Email:	(Required)
Contact Phone: (Required) Postcode:	(Required)
Would you like to speak to Councillors about your written submission? Y/ N Can we contact you if we have further questions? Y/ N Would you like to receive emails about future consultations? Y/ N Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Donovan Park? Y/ N	
What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan? What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan? What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan? Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	:
Please attach extra sheets of paper if requi	ired.
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Post: Submission – Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan Feedback Invercargill City Council	e by 4pm, ary 2025.
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4. Let's Talk

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Consultation has concluded



Reserve Management Plan include

Council is consulting on the Draft Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan, which is a legally required document to set out how we will manage the reserve Donovan Park is an important green link in the city's parks systems. Covering over 79 hectares of green open space with land, the reserve contributes significantly to the open green space of Invercargill with its unique rural characteristics and Council has recently been working with the community to create a vision for the Reserve.

After the Masterplan process was completed. Council asked the community to use it as their guiding document to After the Masterplan process was completed, Counter asked the community to use it as their global document tell us what their priorities were for the next 10 years, to inform our new Reserve Management Plan. All the feedback Council received, along with the themes identified in the Masterplan have fed into our <u>draft Donovan Park Management Plan</u>

Key Projects This management plan is a review of the 2012 Donovan Park Reserve Management Plan. It aims to show the first ten years of detail based on the masterplan and each subsequent review will incorporate future priorities. A <u>draft implementation plan</u> has been developed to support the execution and administration of the Reserve Management Plan.

Key Project Themes that will be delivered through the implementation plan and detailed within the ten-year

- · Continuing the urban-rural integration and transition.
- · Enhancing and improving water and nature features to add more amenity and better support biodiversity outcomes, while managing storm water control.
- Providing green tree lined routes within the reserve to encourage active transport.

Promoting an Open Space Network

- Removing fences to open up more access for all.
- Focus on improving accessibility through the reserve
 Enhancing connections to residential/urban areas.
- Provide additional facilities to encourage more uses for people to stay longer
- · Develop active transport connections within the reserve

Rationalising Land Use

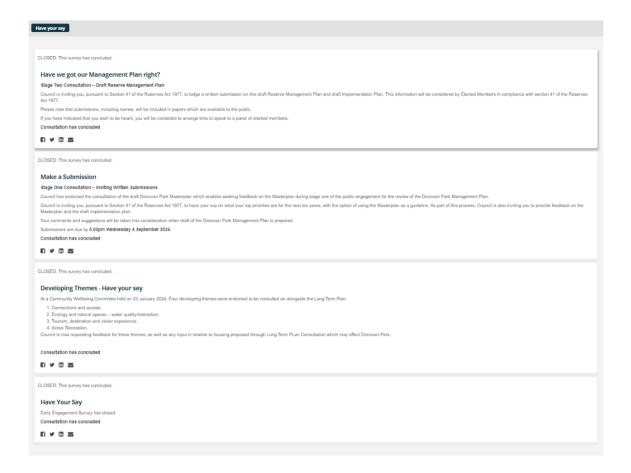
- Clearly outlining the different uses of the reserve through an organised framework.
- This will ensure the reserve has long term sustainable uses.
 Activating more of the land for public access.
- Providing quality spaces for multi-use activities and events.
- · Continuing a family friendly/whānau centric place for visitors.

Possible revocation of part of Donovan Park

Following community engagement, the Future Development section of the draft Reserve Management Plan has incorporated three options for consideration to inform next steps, in line with legislative requirements for Reserve Management Plans (Reserves Act 1977).

Council invites you to have your say on the draft implementation plan and draft Reserve Management Plan.

Let us know what you think before submissions close on Friday 14 February



5. Letter to Neighbouring Residents



4 December 2024

Neighbouring Residents to Donovan Park Invercargill

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Yours faithfully

Caroline Rain

MANAGER - PARKS AND RECREATION

6. Email to clubs, agencies, organisations and past submitters

Tēnā koe

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7. Social Media

