



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given that Hearings for Sandy Point
Domain Management Plan to be held in the
Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Theatre,
88 Tay Street, Invercargill
on Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 9.00 am**

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Hearings for Sandy Point Domain Management Plan

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SANDY POINT DOMAIN DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN STAGE TWO HEARINGS

To:	Hearings Panel
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 25 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 Sandy Point Domain draft Reserve Management Plan (Plan) has been consulted on and submissions received as required by Section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977. Recommendations will be presented to the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee for any changes to the Plan to be considered by Council in May 2025.

Recommendations

That the Hearings Panel:

1. Receives the report “Sandy Point Domain Draft Reserve Management Plan Stage Two Hearings”.
2. Receives submissions and the summary of submissions through the stage two public notification process.
3. Receives late submissions from Environment Southland and Te Ao Mārama Inc.
4. Note the hearings schedule with the following submitters to be heard:

Hearing	Sub #	Name	Time
	#	Meeting Opened	9.00
1	29	Lloyd Esler	9.10
		Break	
2	45	Marcus Roy	9.30
3	37	Dallas Bradley	9.40
4	4	Sarah Dowie	9.50
5	30	Brian Rowe	10.00
		Break	
6	39	Jordon Triall	10.20
	1 & 8	Sue Osborne	10.30
8	3	Sue Garland	10.40
		Lunch Break	
10	31	Christine Smith	12:10
11	25	Kath and Brian McDonagh	12:20
13	23	Edwin Haswell Wood	12:30
13	26	Kerry Hapuku and Bob McMurdo Via Zoom	12:40
14	32	Jeff Smith	12:50

- Confirms any specific feedback from the Hearings Panel it wishes to be included in the Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan report to be considered by the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee on 6 May 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. With stage one consultation inviting people to have their say on what they would like to see included in the Plan completed and presented to Council, stage two could then commence.

Council advertised for public comments and submissions from 9 November 2024 – 31 January 2025 (minimum two month period) as required under Section 41(6) of the Act, prior to producing the Plan for Council consideration. Stage two consultation focussed on seeking feedback on the Plan, draft Implementation Plan and Noise Management Plan. Once Council

is satisfied with the Plan, it will be sent to the Department of Conservation for approval, as a delegate of the Minister of Conservation.

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

Submissions were received (51 in total) via Let's Talk and written submissions via email and handed into boxes located at Invercargill Public Library and Te Hīnaki - Civic Administration Building.

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) (d) 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

Following completion of the Masterplan and stage one of the Plan process, stage two consultation (9 November 2024 – 31 January 2025) enabled the community to submit on three related documents, the Plan, draft Implementation Plan and Noise Management Plan.

Public Notice was given (9 November 2024 and 25 January 2025) in compliance with Section 119 of the Act, calling for persons or organisations interested to lodge their submissions on the draft plan before a specified date, being no less than two months after the publication of the notice and providing the opportunity to be heard (section 41 (6) (d)). Upon giving notice, the Plan was sent to the Commissioner requesting feedback (section 41 (6) (aa)).

Engagement methods included connecting with Mana Whenua and Department of Conservation, public notices posted via Southland Times, Let's Talk, Digi Slides and submission forms at Council buildings, direct emails to clubs and organisations, stage one submitters, and letter drops to licence holders has been undertaken, and signage (Appendix 3).

Submitters represented:

- Agencies and organisations – Te Ao Mārama and Waihopai Rūnaka, Environment Southland, Active Southland, CCS Disability Action, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, The Southland Conservation Board
- Clubs – Southland Mountain Bike Club, Foveaux Riding Club, Disc Golf South, Southland Pony Club, Southland Astronomical Society, Te Piritahi a Rua Waka Ama Association (Te Tomairangi and Nga Hau e Wha marae)
- Licence Holders (Coopers Creek and Pacific Avenue crib site owners)
- Informal Groups - Ōreti Sands User Group, walking group.

Reserve Management Plan Submission Feedback

General feedback was positive and submitters appreciate having a great space to visit. Feedback on key activities were mentioned, particularly disc golf, horse riding and dog walking, with other activities including mountain biking, waka ama and rodeo.

High Level topics of Engagement:

- Six submitters reported messages of support in general on the Plan.
- 15 submitters value using the keep horse trekking area at the south and would like to continue this, with some requesting provision of associated infrastructure.
- Six submitters noted concerns about horse and rider safety being impacted by other users in a multi-use space. Three submitters specifically noted concerns with dogs off leads and motorbikes.
- Four submitted support for Ōreti Links as a multi-use hub space, with six (one whom was supported by 259 people) saw dog walking as an important recreational activity, suggesting Ōreti Links be known as a premier dog park. Three submissions noted the need for disc golf championship course and one mentioned extending mountain bike trails to this area. The importance of dark skies was also mentioned by two submitters.
- Ten submitters provided information on ecological enhancements, with two specifically including shelter, six including biodiversity (e.g. indigenous plants) and three specifically supporting forestry. One submitter also mentioned erosion concerns. Two submitters mentioned fire risks to be considered.
- Submitters generally addressed regulatory functions such as rubbish, speed, vandalism, pest plants, motorised vehicles and general maintenance. Specifically, seven submitters addressed mowing issues and plants of concern.
- Vehicle access was raised by seven submitters objecting restricted access or closing roads. Two specifically spoke about the loop road proposal, which is not being considered within this Plan.
- Five submitters mentioned support for a visitor centre or ensuring ICC owned buildings are fit for purpose.
- Feedback was received from six submitters on the proposed tenure and historic relevance to residential areas, with two requesting freehold or inclusion in the Plan as being allowed to exist, two support the proposed policy 9.3.2(11), one supports 3.2.3.2, and one suggests status quo.

Reponses to submissions are noted in the summary of submissions (Appendix 2). Proposed changes based on the submissions will include:

- 1.0 Introduction - add dog walking to list of opportunities in paragraph 2
- 1.5.1.4 Climate Change – impacts of fire risks
- 1.5.1.5 Lagoons – updating vegetation based on submission 039
- 1.5.1.10.4 Birds – correct assumption on fernbird residing – it should be flax land not tussock land
- 2.5 add dog walking to list of recreation in paragraph 4
- 3.2.3.1 Note #24 Southland Mountain Bike Club and #25 Southland Sled Dog Association as spaces not leased

- 6.3 Cultural and Heritage Values – incorporate suggestions raised by HNZPT regarding protection and management and permission must be sought prior to modification, damage or destruction of any site.
- 8.2.3.2.3 change to dusk until dawn
- 8.2/4/2 Add emergency services to 8.2.4.2.5 and 8.2.4.2.7
- 10.4 Place Names – remove last paragraph p97 beginning with “not one of these appears on any earlier map....”

Implementation Plan Submission Feedback

The draft implementation plan is essentially an action plan to implement the Masterplan and the Plan and will be managed as a separate document. Of the 51 responses, 47% responded with comments on the draft Implementation Plan.

Key points raised were similar to feedback on the Plan, predominately horse riding, safety, facility support and access.

In response to submissions the following changes are proposed to the Implementation Plan:

- The sealed loop road action will be removed as this is not planned within the ten-year timeframe, however the idea will be assessed operationally with appropriate emergency service organisations to understand feasibility and costs.
- Other key actions will incorporate:
 - emergency services as stakeholders to collaborate with
 - dog walkers as stakeholders in the Ōreti Links Group
 - making sure fire plan requirements are covered (also including leases and licence holders)
 - signage designating use
 - investigating alternative revenue streams
 - ecological enhancement and pest management work
 - investigating the development of climate change adaptation plan
 - Investigating long term management plan to manage hazardous activities.

Parks and Recreation will also work with Animal Services and Strategy and Policy Team when the Dog Bylaw and Policy is up for review to establish regulations on dogs at Sandy Point Domain.

There was no feedback received on the Noise Management Plan. This will need to be reviewed and updated as a separate document.

Other general responses raised mentioned the high volume of horse riders that use Sandy Point Domain, noting concern regarding rubbish and vandalism that occurs and ensuring shelter is maintained for future users. Ōreti Links messaging is also reinforced, noting this area is valued for dog walking and disc golf.

Next Steps

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

The Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee is scheduled to receive the Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan on 6 May 2025 with recommendations for decisions to Council for consideration, with any potential changes. The Committee will also receive the Implementation Plan at this meeting.

Council will then have the opportunity to approve the Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan on 27 May 2025 on recommendation from the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee and approve any changes recommended by the Committee. Then the Reserve Management Plan will be sent to the Department of Conservation for approval, as a delegate of the Minister of Conservation.

Attachments

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Submission

Lloyd Esler

Invercargill 9879

Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission on the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan.

I have several points to make, based largely on my experience with taking fieldtrips to various places on the peninsula and secondly from my research into the history and natural history of the area which I used in my book Omai and the New River Estuary.

My response is generally positive and I congratulate those involved in preparing the plan which acknowledges the value that Southlanders place on the area.

Some points to note

The eastern edge of the peninsula from Wests Point to Sandy Point was substantially altered by windblown sand with perhaps 50m to 100m being extended into the estuary. This movement of sand swamped the coastal forest, buried what remained of Oue village, filled in lagoons and streams and filled in what must have been the deep inshore channel that enabled whales to be towed up to the whaling station. Jetty piles at Noki Kaik show where there was once a deep water landing. (Photo from about 1920 shows the channel filling with sand) Oue, the whaling station, McShane's brewery and associated houses would naturally have been adjacent to the only source of flowing water on the eastern side of the peninsula, namely Coopers Creek. I believe the creek probably flowed out on the other (west) side of Hatch's Hill.



There are two deep ditches there of unknown purpose but they may have been dug to drain a swampy patch or to direct the flow of the creek to the village site.



Note that Oue was an actual island, also called Tuft Island. It was probably swept away in a flood. Here is my sketch of what it may have looked like...

Note that some of the sites which have been identified as midden sites are actually natural deposits of shells. The site upriver from the Waka Ama site is an example. In the vicinity of Coopers Creek there are also middens left by thousands of years of kingfisher activity where the birds bash mudsnails on a branch and the shells eventually build up a layer.

Coopers Creek Village p51

It is pleasing that the council has seen sense and extended for many years the right of Coopers Creek residents to remain in their houses. It has been stated many times before but the value of this enclave in the wide picture of Sandy Point security and safety far outweighs its status as a non-complying activity. Council has flexibility over the interpretation of the rules. This includes the selling off of the block containing the Cabbage Tree and the Camp Ground several years ago. I'm not suggesting freeholding the Coopers Creek sections but maintaining the status quo.

8.2.1.2

I fully support the aim of enhancing the visitor experience. The Domain is a wonderful asset, extensively used, and a great resource for schools.

I do not agree with the closure of some access roads to motor vehicles. Vehicle access is necessary for picnic grounds, tracks and fieldtrip sites. I believe the present network of roads is adequate and provides a good degree of access. While there is damage to roads, facilities and turf by irresponsible drivers, I feel this could be addressed by more voluntary rangers, more security cameras, more frequent patrols and the fencing of vulnerable areas.

8.2.2.2

I support publicising the Domain as a Dark Sky site (Whether or not it achieves this status officially)

8.2.4.2

I support the policies outlined in this section

8.2.6.2

I agree with the need for an improved visitor centre. This should be manned by well-informed staff who can direct visitors to areas and activities of interest. There is the opportunity for a garden featuring local plant species and displays showing the history and natural history of the area.

8.3 I support any efforts to enhance and restore the biodiversity as long as any environmental projects are carefully planned and realistic! Weed and pest animal control should continue and be extended. There should be a steady increase in restoring degraded areas to natural habitat, Forestry should continue where profitable as pine forests are also a great resource for mountain bikers and hikers.

Climate change resilience

I support the council's efforts to educate the public about the consequences of climate change and to take mitigation measures where this is genuinely and measurably effective and not green-washing,

I don't think fire has been adequately considered. Recent fires at Awarua Bay and Tiwai Peninsula show the vulnerability of Sandy Point. Perhaps the old Monsoon ponds should be resurrected and an evacuation and fire-fighting strategy put in place.

10.4 p97

I disagree with the statement about some of the names having no historical foundation. Of course they have a historical foundation and the statement should be removed.

Note that the flora and fauna species lists are full of spelling mistakes and obsolete names and are far from complete. – a few here...

Typos etc

p.17 Muehlenbeckia australis and M. complexa, not M. astonii

p 19. Ficinia nodosa and Apodasmia similis instead of Scirpus and Leptocarpus

p.23 Pingao has disappeared and spinifex does not occur in Southland. Pingao is a sedge, not a grass. Marram *prevents* the establishment of indigenous species. Ideally the western side of the peninsula should look like the photo on p23 with low, mobile dunes sitting on the damp water table..

P24. Sambucus nigra not S. niger


P25. Lomaria discolor not Blechnum discolour

P38 Igneous rock not volcanic rock.

The document lacks a bibliography which would be useful.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment
Lloyd Esler

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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Southland Mountain Bike Club

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


1. Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan (Draft Management Plan) and Draft Sandy Point Domain Implementation Plan (Draft Implementation Plan). 2. The Southland Mountain Bike Club (Club) represents approximately 500 affiliated club members. Additionally, the Club advocates on behalf of a significant number of unaffiliated recreational and competitive users who utilise the mountain bike facilities and trails within the Domain. 3. The Club builds and maintains approximately 15km of Mountain Bike specific trails within the Mountain Bike area of the Domain. The Club support the free open public access nature of the mountain bike area as it provides accessible facilities and enables the community to discover and enjoy the benefits of mountain biking. 4. The Mountain Bike Area of the Domain is currently part of the commercial plantation forest that is harvested on a rotational basis. It provides shelter throughout the year and creates a good microclimate for riding in the wet and windy winter months. 5. The one downside of the rotational harvest is the annual reinvestment needed to reinstate trails within the harvested areas. The Club appreciates the financial assistance from the Invercargill City Council to reinstate the impacted trails and wants to recognise and highlight the wider benefits this investment brings. 6. Historically the Club has used membership funds to reinstate impacted trails in addition to significant volunteer time. More recently, revenue from forestry harvesting has been used to reinstate impacted trails. This has enabled the Club to utilise club funds in other areas to build awareness of mountain biking, run events and invest in maintaining trails in other areas. These activities benefit the community and utilisation of the space. 7. The Club supports the masterplan and suggest some minor changes to improve the workability and the experience within the Domain. 8. The Eco Park concepts are supported in the Domain. The establishment of indigenous plantings throughout the Domain will support broader biodiversity enhancement and improve the amenity of the Domain. Additional indigenous vegetation areas or pockets should also be established throughout the Domain in order to support ecological hopping points for bird species and opportunities to disperse seeds. 9. Indigenous vegetation should also be promoted for shelter belts, amenity planting and perimeter planting around exotic forestry plantations. This long-term planting strategy would enable various indigenous species to establish over a long term and would provide ongoing shelter to recreational activities and commercial forestry. If planned well it would also enable long term recreational use of within the indigenous forests for mountain biking or mixed-use recreational activities. In the future there could be a Hatchers Hill type of mixed use bush trail though mature indigenous forest around the entire Domain. 10. The Club support a future dual use trail around the Domain as outlined in the Draft Management Plan. A large non-motorised recreational loop has the potential to become a tourism opportunity and draw in regional and national visitors. There are some great spaces within the Domain that are largely under utilised (such as Silver Lagoon) and improved access would enable more of the community to appreciate these spaces. 11. The Draft Management Plan talks about "recreational offering" within the Domain. The Club consider that the Management Plan should also reflect "competitive offerings" within the Domain and the benefits these bring to Invercargill and the broader Region. Competitive activities are a major domestic tourism drawcard for Invercargill whether it is motorsport, rowing, Saturday sport, or mountain biking events. These activities draw in visitors who support local businesses within the city. 12. The Club supports all policies in the Draft Management Plan. Policy 8.1.1.2(2) which states "to permit horses and mountain bikes within the domain on current designated tracks provided they respect environmental values" could be improved. The Club suggest changes to strengthen this policy to restrict access to some activities in order to manage potential user conflict. For example horses, and bikes are largely incompatible for example horses shouldn't be allowed on mountain bike specific trails due to the damage they cause and bikes could frighten horses if they unexpectedly come around a corner at speed. While instances of trail conflict have been relatively minor, the Management Plan should provide for restricting access in certain situations. 13. The Club suggests a new policy be established to discourage antisocial behaviour within the Domain such as 4WDs making mud holes and motor bikes accessing areas that they are not compatible with. There are ongoing instances where vehicles are destroying recreational values and being unsafe within the Domain. Some greater emphasis is needed in the Draft Implementation plan to discourage these activities. 14. The Club supports the development of a multi-use facility on the Domain. The Club would likely utilise a facility if it was located in close proximity to the mountain bike tracks. The Club is keen to make more use of the facilities at the former Oreti Sands Golf Club, however there aren't currently any trails connecting this to the Mountain bike area. This is an opportunity for the future. 15. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Management Plan) and Draft Implementation Plan.

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

I am very uncomfortable with the way Pages 56-83 of the draft Reserve Management Plan refer to the 2023 Masterplan and try to legitimise this document which in reality has no status beyond a "think piece", "discussion document" or background paper. For example Section 7.0 on Page 58 states "Guiding Principles that will be expressed through the implementation of the Masterplan and this RMP include:" As such I feel the need to include my submission on the 2023 Masterplan as part of this submission. In many ways the 2023 Masterplan is more specific and explicit than the draft Reserve Management Plan. The Masterplan has already been through a submission process which has obviously informed the draft Management Plan and implicitly made parts of the Masterplan redundant (for example those parts that related to activities on the Oreti River) but it is difficult to know the totality of what parts are still relevant and what parts are not. I suggest that reference to the Masterplan is done away with on Pages 56 - 83 and those parts of the Masterplan that are still relevant are specifically incorporated into the draft Management Plan.

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

Most of it appears quite sound but it refers to a lot of process which will result in unknown outcomes rather than referring to specific outcomes.

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

I can't figure out how to attach a document to this submission form so could you please attach it on my behalf.

Submission on the Sandy Point Domain MasterPlan

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PRIORITIES:

Top priority (No. 1): Maintaining the Sandy Point Domain as a safe place to visit, ie, safe driving, safe parking and minimal vandalism. This should be achieved by more police and ICC ranger compliance action/presence, mainly the former. It should also be achieved by targeting nuisance and criminal behaviour rather than blocking off access to areas just to avoid the opportunity for criminal behaviour to occur because such an approach just penalises the majority of users who respect the rules and Domain. Wear the [REDACTED] down, don't let the [REDACTED] wear you down by taking the easy way out!!

No. 2. Work on achieving integrated management of the Domain and the adjoining river and coast so that land, water and foreshore management complement each other. An important value of Sandy Point Domain is the access it provides to the river, coast and associated for active and passive recreational activities. To that end the ICC should consider constructing a public boat ramp. However, I can imagine that such a project would see arguments both within the ICC and between the ICC and ES over whose responsibility it is. One solution to that problem would be the formation of a Unitary Authority!

No. 3. Continue to make land available for specific recreational activities including relatively noisy activities on the Domain. To that end I support the Recreational Hub concept but some recreational activities should also be provided for in the Eco areas and the Forestry Buffer. The availability of a large area of readily available area of land for recreational activities close to the City is a "competitive advantage" for Invercargill over other cities.

No. 4 More pest control undertaken within the Domain, especially within the "Eco " areas. However, the Forestry and Recreational areas hold a lot of pests as well. Perhaps the Council could aim for Predator Free Sandy Point by 2050? Possum Free Sandy Point 2050 at least.

No.5 Continued (and safer if possible) vehicular access to Whalers Bay and Sandy Point.

No. 6 Better mobile phone coverage over the whole Domain. This would facilitate timely reporting of unlawful and/or anti social activity plus accidents or medical emergencies and enhance the amenity and safe use of the Domain.

COMMENTS ON THE MASTERPLAN

1. **The Masterplan uses 10, 25 and 50 year planning timeframes.** I wonder how useful it is to worry too much about what things will or should be like in 25 or 50 years time. While I support having a long term approach, one does need to realise that 50 years is an awfully long time and so much can change in that time. Think about the last 50 years - so much has changed, both technologically and societally. We need a planning approach that keeps options open to account for the "unforeseeables" but also takes into account the long term effects that we do know about, for example, climate change and the mere fact that a pine

tree planted tomorrow won't be harvested for 25 years or so. I would prefer to plan for a 10 year timeframe using policies and methods that enable potential activity should it be required. In other words, plan for what you know but keep your options open so that management regimes can be adapted and adjusted to accommodate future needs. Retain some flexibility to respond to new sports and recreational needs and specifically state this as a goal.

2. **I do not support the idea of turning Pit Road into the main access to Sandy Point.** I understand that this idea has been proposed to address climate change issues, in particular flooding. The Sandy Point Road only floods over a short length in the highest of high tides and even then, the flooding is of very short duration either side of high tide. If access must be improved, it would be cheaper to raise parts of the Sandy Point Road. Furthermore, the proposed Pit Road/Links Road/Sandy Point loop would not achieve anything in a flood mitigation sense given that Links Road is much lower than the Sandy Point Road and the lowest point of the Sandy Point Road is at the Links Road intersection - the proposed new road just provides a longer way to get to the flooded Sandy Point Road! By the way, Sandy Point Road in the vicinity of the Links Road intersection did not flood in the June 2022 flood event (see pic below taken at the flood peak).



It does not seem logical to make Pit Road the main road into Sandy Point when it is a longer route to the popular southern EcoPark and bypasses what I assume to be the most popular attractions - Teretonga, the rowing clubs, and the Stockcar Club. There may be other reasons for creating the loop road but the Pit Road side of the loop could be regarded as a secondary road and could remain gravelled or gravelled mostly and sealed from Dunns Road to the entrance to the Go Kart Club. There are considerable

advantages from a law enforcement point of view in only having one access into the southern part of Sandy Point.

3. Access to Oreti Beach via Dunns Road: I strongly disagree with the map on Page 49 showing the road access to Oreti Beach showing the road access ending at the ICC carpark. In fact it is really strange that the map should show this given that the question of road access onto Oreti Beach is not even discussed elsewhere in the MasterPlan and, even more importantly, it is out of the scope of the MasterPlan given that Dunns Road is not located within the Sandy Point Domain. As far as the Masterplan is concerned, it should assume that Dunns road access onto Oreti Beach remains for the next 50 years. To assume anything else is purely fanciful or conjecture and it would be unprofessional to show it as anything different to what it is now.

4. A Crossing Point over the Oreti River via punt or Flat Bottomed boat: Such a service is a "nice to have" but it would be fraught with operational difficulties and would unlikely to be commercially viable. Furthermore, and probably importantly, the Oreti River itself is not within the Sandy Point Domain boundary, and as such, consideration of a boating link from the southern end of Oreti Road to the west side of the Oreti River is also out of scope of the MasterPlan. So ..., nice idea but, but, but! In any case, there is no reason why such a service could not be provided now provided no structures were required.

5. Page 49 - Improve boat ramp and fit for purpose pontoon adjacent to the Oreti River crossing: This statement (in particular the word "improve") suggests that the ICC has a boat ramp to improve. That is not the case as all the boat ramps on the Oreti River are owned by various clubs and there is no public access to any of these ramps. Furthermore, the ICC is unlikely to provide a public boat ramp and once again, the MasterPlan is talking about an activity in the Oreti River which is not within the boundary of the Sandy Point Domain, and as such, the matter is out of scope of the MasterPlan and should be deleted.

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8. Maps on Pages 59, 61, 63 & 65: There is no key to the maps on these pages. As such it is difficult to ascertain what they are trying to convey, especially what the orange shaded area is supposed to convey. As they stand, the maps are of little value.

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End.

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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	Yes
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
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Te Whare Tapa Wha focusses on spiritual, mental and emotional, physical, family and social wellbeing noting that when the four pillars of self are in balance, we thrive. The "house" of wellbeing sits on the land or whenua, the place in which you stand that is the life force of the earth, the soil, rocks, plants and animals. 20. The opportunity presented at Oreti Sands for dog walkers (and other users) is one that contributes to all four pillars, improving mental health outcomes. 21. As an activity, there has long been an unwritten "code" for dog walkers at Oreti Sands. Your dog must be relatively well socialised, friendly or mind its own business (just as humans do, dogs have varying inclinations as to how they interact). Pick up if your dog leaves a mess and simply allow your canine mate to walk twice as many steps as you (off leash), sniff, play and meet other dogs. Both owner and hound enjoy the fresh air, and a good walk including owners having the opportunity to meet with new or familiar dog people. 22. Thus, this activity, touches on all four pillars of Te Whare Tapa Wha, providing an opportunity for physical exercise whether alone with your dog or as a whanau unit with dog, social interactions with other members of the community and enhances spiritual wellbeing through all of the above, including being surrounded by nature (albeit it in a front country experience). 23. The Council also has broad legislative responsibilities and duties to manage whenua and contribute to societal wellbeing. In particular, under section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. 24. Respectfully, the Council should consider dog walking as an important recreational activity and give it weighting including explicitly stating it as a stand-alone activity and making provision for this, within its draft management plan. D. Dog Welfare and Management: 25. As Council is well aware, dog owners have welfare responsibilities in the care of their canine. This goes beyond registering an animal over three months of age. 26. Section 54 of the Dog Control Act 1996 states that a dog owner shall ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water, and shelter and that the dog receives adequate exercise. Failure to do so results in prosecutions and fines. 27. Adequate exercise is largely subjective however, literature shows and it rationally follows that the larger the dog breed, the more exercise they require. Exercise of dogs is often limited by the fitness levels and motivation of

the owner. 28. Exercise is considered a necessity for dogs because it not only assists their physical health but exposes them to external stimuli. Exerting energy, running, playing, smelling and playing in water mitigates boredom meaning dogs are more effectively managed in the home. For example, lessening undesirable behaviours such as noise disturbance (keeping barking to a minimum), chewing, digging or aggression. 29. Further, exercise provides a vehicle for socialisation which means dogs become more tolerant of other dogs and people. Thus, mitigating risk and increasing the safety level of people being around dogs. 30. Oreti Sands with its wide-open spaces provides the opportunity for off leash dog activities, to traverse more steps than owners, play in water, sniff new smells, meet other dogs and given there are no motorised vehicles permitted, is a safe place to do so. 31. The vast space allows dogs who do not wish to socialise with another dog to move away and mitigates the likelihood of territorial behaviour. 32. Closed in dog parks by contrast, do not provide the same opportunity as Oreti Sands. There is less space, dogs are penned in which can heighten territorial and space issues which can exacerbate safety concerns. 33. Dog parks do not allow owners to actively exercise at the same time as their dog and especially do not provide the same enjoyable experience of walking in a front country setting, as the Sandy Point Domain and Oreti Sands portion do. 34. There is therefore a need to provide vast spaces for dogs to walk off lead where both owner and dog can take adequate exercise. Oreti Sands provides this opportunity. E. General Points: 35. Oreti Sands is already a multi-use area. The Oreti Sands User Group largely accepts that runners, athletics clubs and other users undertake activities at Oreti Sands. Equally, runner and athletics clubs accept that dogs are off leash in the area. All activities respect co-habitation. The majority of the Oreti Sands User Group and associated dog walkers are not seeking exclusive use of the area. 36. Oreti Sands, since the area was decommissioned as a golf course, has been used by dog walkers unimpeded. This has been an evolution in land use. The frequency and level of use is more than minor and should be acknowledged by Council. 37. Yet in the Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan 2025 dog walking has not been elevated as a stand-alone activity alongside other recreation activities such as horse riding, running or cycling for example in key sections in the plan. I also note that dog sledding (while mentioned) is an entirely different activity. 38. Because dog walking is not expressly stated in the plan, it should not be assumed that bylaws will follow through in the management of the area, as evidenced by inconsistencies already at Sandy Point i.e. signage in certain areas stating "no dogs" on certain tracks which albeit practical can create conflict between users and abets misunderstanding between users. 39. Thus, clearly outlining what is permitted by way of off leash dog walking will overcome this and signal the status of the activity. As opposed to failure to give adequate weight to a large proportion of the Invercargill population and a significant fee-paying base which should be afforded rights commensurate with the responsibilities each must discharge. F. Conclusion: 40. Oreti Sands is one of many areas located on the Sandy Point Domain that should enable dog off leash walking. 41. At Oreti Sands, it is an activity that is already occurring, with an unwritten code, is accepted and is a safe place to do so. 42. It should be a permitted activity so as to contribute to societal wellbeing and promote good, mental, physical and spiritual health. 43. It should be permitted so as to contribute to responsible dog ownership and animal welfare. 44. It should be a permitted activity by the Council to acknowledge the rating base of dog owners as a legitimate interest group. 45. Finally, I acknowledge the time that Council staff have given Brian Rowe in his advocacy regarding this matter. However, until this representation is acknowledged and amendments made in the draft plan to this effect, it is clear that dog walking as a standalone recreational activity is not fully appreciated by Council. 46. I feel it important to note the advice of Council to Brian Rowe that there are competing obligations in legislative requirements and inconsistencies in the management of some Sandy Point areas regarding dog walking versus the management of other factors for example, wildlife areas, signs on tracks that are not contiguous with bylaws however, this is not for an interest group to audit or find solutions. This is for the administration of the Council.

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SUBMISSION

to the

Sandy Point Reserve Domain Management Plan - 2025

My name is Brian Rowe. I am an Invercargill resident and ratepayer. I am a member and spokesperson of the Oreti Sands Users Group. I wish to be heard at the hearing. As of 26/01/02 there are 1194 members in the group. 259 people (list attached) have asked that they be represented by myself in support of this submission.

The Oreti Sands Users group actively supports the use of the decommissioned golf course and its surrounds as a *multi-use recreational hub* with a focus on Oreti Sands as the *Premier Dog Friendly Destination* for dog walkers within the wider Sandy Point Domain Reserve dog off-leash area.

We believe the Premier Dog Friendly Destination status can be achieved by the restoration and development of the open and informal walking areas in and around the former golf course location as detailed in our first submission.

In the last 10 years dog ownership in the Invercargill area has increased from 6000 to just less than 10,000 known dogs.

At a rough approximation of the population of Invercargill being 60,000 that is one dog for every six people.

Dog walking has taken place at Sandy Point for over 50 years.

Aside from motor sports, horse riding and dog walking would have to be the most continuous and popular activities to take place on Sandy Point Domain. In the last few years the popularity of dog walking has

exploded. The track counter at Oreti Sands alone records over 1,000 visits per week mostly dog walkers.

Given the vast amount of interaction that ICC has had with the dog walking community in recent times it is incredulous that the term dog walking does not appear in the Draft Plan although it is in the Master Plan under Recreation page 20.

Reviewing the Draft Plan

The term “ dog walking” must be inserted into the document at Part One – Introduction and Background 1.0

“note 1”

And at 2.5 Sport and Recreation

“note 2”

On page 62 The wording “Development of a multi-use area including a dog park” Shall changed to “Development of a dog friendly multi-use area”

“note 3”

On page 52 of the Masterplan.

**KEY MOVES FOR THE FUTURE
BUILD ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE
EXISTING**

There are a number of “Areas of Ecological Significance”

There is no definition as to what this phrase actually means. Nor an explanation how these were determined. It could have far reaching consequences not only for the Management Plan but for other documents. Especially in light of the phrasing on the draft Management Plan page 53. “Expand areas recognised as Significant Ecological Areas to the southern end and western parts of Sandy Point Domain”

Of concern are at

- 8.1.1.2 (2) “To permit horses and mountain bikes within the Domain on current designated tracks located in all zones, provided they respect environmental values”**
and (3) To permit horse riding and bicycle riding within the Domain on designated tracks, acknowledging that from time to time access and the track network may alter to protect environmental values and to respond to development and changing recreation needs.

These should be removed and replaced with a single clause that reads

“To permit horse riding and mountain biking within the Domain on current designated areas”

Errors on page 50. Number 24. The Southland Mountain Bike Club and Number 25 Southland Sled Dog Association Area are not leased areas.

“note 4”

General

Oreti Sands is a multi-use area both organised and informal. It is a base for dog walking, orienteering, harriers events, the Southland Junior Schools Adventure Race, triathalons, walking groups such as the Seniors Walking Group, search dog training, NZMCA rallies, geochaching, stargazing, army exercises, informal walking, the odd picnic and a wedding photo destination.

For eight frustrating years one of the worlds fastest growing recreational sports Disc Golf has been trying to set up a Championship course at Oreti Sands. This is the sort of activity that not only provides locals with recreational opportunities but also has the potential to attract the tourism dollar.

These recreational activities require a level of maintance that is non-existent at the moment.

Recently prior to the Southern Junior Schools Adventure Race, which attracted 800 competitors over 2 days, track maintenance was undertaken by an 85 year old retiree to allow participants to move safely along a track. Parks should be ashamed of themselves.

Between 2018 and about 2021 Oreti Sands was the perfect setting. It had wide open areas with well defined tracks and trails for recreation. But sadly as each month goes by more useable space is lost to invading lupins and other weeds. As Oreti Sands is now it would almost be impossible to set a disc golf course let alone a championship one in attractive surroundings to lure professional players to the course.

Currently as dog walking as recreation at Oreti Sands is trending upwards the useability of the area is rapidly decreasing. The main culprit is the lupin invasion. Tracks have or are becoming impassable. The flowering lupins are having adverse effects on those with allergies. Grass seeds are another issue becoming embedded in dogs skin requiring expensive vet bills for their removal. The dying pine trees and long grass cover is creating a situation that in a dry summer there is risk of an extreme fire event that will not be easily contained especially as the access tracks are not maintained.

Some interesting phrasing in the Draft Management Plan makes us wonder whether there is another Sandy Point Domain

The wording at 7.2 Promote Unique Visitor Experience. Subclause (2) Enhance and encourage public access into and through all public areas of the Domain.

And subclause (5) Design and develop the Domain to be a safe, fun and welcoming place that Southlanders love to use.

This phrase is repeated at 8.2.3 Safety and Design. 8.2.3.1 Te Whāinga / Objectives subclause 2

Clause 7.3 Build Environmental Resilience (4) “Promote and fund the control and eradication of pest animal and pest plants from the Domain as far as practical. “

The little maintainance that has been done of the last couple of years by contractors has proved that with the right equipment the work can be done relatively quickly and efficiently.

In the draft Management Plan 1.5.1 Environmental – Flora and Fauna it says in part “Council, in its responsibility for biosecurity within the region, will align management of pest with the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan.”

Using a liberal interpretation of clause 4.3 of the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan (note 5) and the Southland Biosecurity Strategy. Clause 3.2 Pests “any other organisms intended to be controlled” due to “adverse effects” “on human health” and “enjoyment of the natural environment” and “Enjoyment of the natural environment Harmful species can reduce the community's enjoyment of natural areas. They can change things we value by: • stopping us from moving freely around the country (travel restrictions); • destroying wilderness areas”

Add the following to the above clause 1.5.1 After the words Southland Regional Pest Management Plan.

“The area in and around the decommissioned golf course Oreti Sands shall have a site-led program targeting wilding pine, broom, gorse, and lupins. “

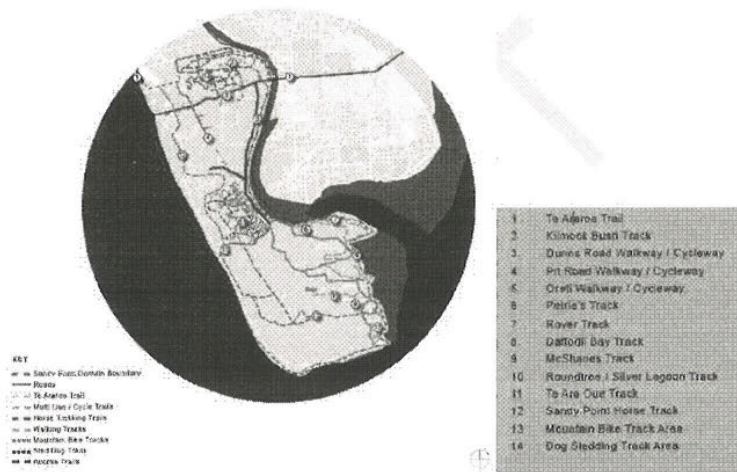
And 4.5 Mana Whenua Values

add at Pest Plants and Animals

“Oreti Sands removal of wilding pine, broom, gorse and lupins”

4.5 Mana Whenua Values

PRINCIPLES AND ASPIRATIONS	
KAUPAPA Toongate	WĀWATA / ASPIRATION
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability for whānau to access traditional resource of the land, wetlands and coastal areas Kaupapa Māori Monitoring Traditional access to site and wild tape Kaupapa Māori monitoring
Dark Skies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area remains a Dark Sky
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhances the ability for our whānau to interact and to reconnect back to this site
Nāhi Take and Value in the Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Narrative and Design Increased use of the site for haka and resource gathering Kaupapa Māori Monitoring
Encouraging Waka Ama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the growth and development of this by working with the club because it is an expression of cultural practices and recreation
Recreational Activities Currently Operating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whānau have commented that current level of activities are appropriate
Review of Existing Consents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scan of existing resource consents Analysis of risk of existing consents for example discharge consent of sludge from wastewater treatment plant
Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of existing activity Reduction in existing levels and phasing out of forestry in the long term Promote indigenous forestry
Pest Plants and Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are uncontrolled weeds in a wet area close to Cooper Creek – the removal of them Enhancement of 'wet' areas Pest control within the reserve
Public Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reclaim the public reserve for public use
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area is a well-known low-lying flood prone area – prepare infrastructure owners for climate resilience including relocation or alternatives
Community Landcare Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the development of a community group that supports outcomes in the reserve
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That council reviews existing activities that effects water quality and therefore the use of the reserve and water on Mana Whenua This could include historic remediation, movement of the outport, etc.



Invercargill City Council Parks and Recreation Division

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In the draft there is a map / diagram on page 41 that lists as 12 Horse Trekking trails. The one that runs from the Equine Cross Country area to Christies Track. It has not been used as such for many many years. It is used extensively by dog walkers, harriers and walkers.

What is not shown on the map are the tracks and trails that are in and around Oreti Sands. Yet it shows the trails within the MBP. It cannot be ignored that the bones of the former golf course are still present and identifiable. Those tracks have been documented and should be added to the map in the same way as the sled dog trails and the mountain bike tracks.

Getting back to the Introduction in the draft it states “As one of the few remaining native forest areas” From Oreti Sands it is almost impossible to see a native tree. The exotic trees present will need to be harvested sooner rather than later. A committee of stakeholders shall be set up to work with forestry on its long term plans. From there more focused committees to work with Parks on future landscaping and plantings. There is also scope for a volunteer “Friends of Oreti Sands” group to work with Parks on such things as plantings.

6.4 Ngā uara ōhanga / Economic values

The Domain contributes to the surrounding area’s economy in a variety of ways. The Domain provides outdoor recreation opportunities and general amenity, contributing to Southland’s quality of life.

Southlands quality of life is under attack. We have famously been known for our outdoor lifestyle but with the digital age of us are stuck inside to our screens for large parts of the day. The old adage says the first step to physical and mental health is the first step. Sadly for many that first step is getting harder to take. People are more inclined to take that step if they have a constant motivation. For some it is a dog to be walked or a disc to be thrown with mates in a friendly welcoming environment. Inactivity very often leads to poor health outcomes. There are solutions. Just one example, walking to relieve arthritis pain. It could save the need for a hip replacement. That one hip replacement could cost more than the cost of repairing Oreti Sands. That cost benefit should be at the forefront of Councils thinking when making decisions as to whether to fund Oreti Sands. The pressure on the Health system is immense. Hospital resources are getting slimmer. This is a real chance to be proactive and promote a healthy way of life that helps keep people out of that system.

See article attached

Regular dog walking improves mobility and reduces falls in older adults

To summarise

We want Oreti Sands to have maintained open spaces that can be used for sport and recreation. We want more tracks and trails. Tracks / trails wide enough that two people can walk side by side having a conversation. That are of a standard where a person can easily push a pram. We want invasive weeds such as lupins, gorse and broom to be removed and controlled. We need to have a high level of input into the design through the forestry plan and future planning of the layout of Oreti Sands and the surrounding area to accommodate all users.

The most cost effective way we believe is for a contractor to clear Oreti Sands of broom, gorse and lupins. Then mow the grass. The grass could be taken for baleage. The "Friends of Oreti Sands" could do working bees to tidy the rest.

Our mantra
**CHIP, MULCH,
MOW and
MAINTAIN.**

Regular dog walking improves mobility and reduces falls in older adults

Posted on 20 January 2025

TILDA data shows that 30% of people in Ireland aged 70+ fall annually, and 1 in 8 present to an emergency department with a fall each year

New research from The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) at Trinity College Dublin has revealed the significant benefits of regular dog walking for older adults. The study is published in the *Journals of Gerontology*. Researchers have found that regular dog walking, defined as at least four times per week, is associated with improved mobility, reduced fear of falling, and a lower likelihood of unexplained falls.

Up to now, little research has looked at the suggestion that dog walking may protect against falls and mobility problems later in life. This study aimed to assess if regular dog walking was associated with reduced likelihood of falls, fear of falling and mobility problems in a large cohort of community-dwelling older people. Falls are the most frequent reason older people are admitted to hospital and the most common cause of accidental death in later life. Falls are strongly associated with fractures including hip fractures, subsequent loss of independence, increased healthcare use, admission to nursing home and earlier mortality.



TILDA data shows that around 30% of people in Ireland aged 70+ fall annually, and 1 in 8 present to an emergency department with a fall each year. With increased longevity, the number of older people presenting with falls will increase considerably over coming decades. It is imperative then that we identify strategies that reduce the risk of falls and can be employed at a population-level.

Methodology:

●Participants ≥ 60 years at Wave 5 of The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing were included. Regular dog walking was ≥ 4 days/week by self-report.

- The control group consisted of participants who did not own a dog or dog-owners who did not walk their dog regularly.
- Falls and fear of falling were by self-report. Mobility was measured with Timed-Up-and-Go (TUG).
- Logistic Regression models assessed associations between regular dog walking and outcomes of interest.
- The study analysed data from over 4,100 participants aged 60 and older, utilising TILDA Wave 5 data.

Key findings include:

- Improved Mobility: Regular dog walkers completed the Timed-Up-and-Go (TUG) test significantly faster than non-dog walkers (10.3 seconds vs. 11.7 seconds on average). The TUG is a sensitive and specific measure of probability for falls among older adults
- Reduced Falls: Regular dog walkers were 40% less likely to experience unexplained falls.
- Lower Fear of Falling: Participants who walked their dogs regularly were 20% less likely to report fear of falling, a known factor in mobility avoidance and diminished quality of life.

The study emphasises the potential role of dog walking in promoting physical activity and social interaction, both of which are critical for maintaining independence in later life. Importantly, while physical activity levels between dog walkers and non-walkers were broadly similar, the specific activity of walking a dog appears to confer unique benefits. The study also highlights the importance of promoting activities that are both enjoyable and health-enhancing as we age.

Professor Robert Briggs, Consultant Geriatrician, St James's Hospital and Trinity College, and co-author, said:

"This study demonstrates the potential benefits that regular dog walking can confer on older people. Regular dog walkers had significantly better mobility, reduced likelihood of falls and were less likely to develop fear of falling. While this may be partly due to increased physical activity, it is also likely that increased social interaction, companionship and purpose derived from having a dog also plays an important role. We see how important pets are in the lives of older people we encounter both in St James's Hospital and the TILDA study and it is therefore heartening to see the benefits borne out in this study.

Lead author Dr Eleanor Gallagher, Specialist Registrar in Geriatric Medicine (formally Trinity College Dublin, now Letterkenny Hospital), said:

"Our findings highlight the value of regular dog walking as a simple and accessible activity that not only improves physical health but also has benefits for mental well-being and confidence among older adults."

You can read the study: The Association of Regular Dog Walking with Mobility, Falls and Fear of Falling in Later Life at the following link: <https://academic.oup.com/biomedgerontology/advance-article/doi/10.1093/gerona/glaf010/7951863?searchresult=1>

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Names For Submission			23/11/24 Date requested
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	Adams-Bell	Allie	30/11/24
	Allingham	Jeanie	28/11/24
	Allison	Casey	16/01/25
	Anderson	Bronwen	27/01/25
	Anderson	Nicole	21/11/24
	Anne	Stewart	16/01/25
	Archer	Darrin	23/11/24
	Arlar	Johan	21/11/24
	Arthur	Philip	05/12/24
	Ashby	Dorothy	21/11/24
	Atley	Haley	28/11/24
	Balneaves	Poppy	16/01/25
	Barnard	Cecilia	23/11/24
	Beer	Liz	28/12/24
	Bennett	Jemma	24/11/24
	Betts	Ian	23/11/24
	Black	Skyla	23/11/24
	Bober	Allison	19/11/24
	Booth	Jeff	28/11/24
	Booth	Tania	28/11/24
	Boots	Aiden	28/11/24
	Bowman	Karen	20/01/25
	Boyde	Janet	24/01/25
	Bradford	Andrew	24/01/25
	Bradley	Stacey	18/01/25
	Breen	Megan	28/11/24
	Briggs	Kate	29/11/24
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	Cook	Kim	20/11/24
	Coombes	Michelle	16/01/25
	Costa	Alberto	29/11/24
	Cournane	Leisa	27/01/25

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Creedy	Simone	26/01/25
Crib	Tania	20/11/24
Crossley	Kathryn	23/11/24
Crowther	Aimee	16/01/25
Cunningham	Jane	06/01/25
Curtis	Kirsty	28/11/24
Davison	Kathryn	23/01/25
Dawson	Rua	24/11/24
Devery	Brenda	22/11/24
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Dowie	Sarah	20/11/23
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Duncan	Kari	23/01/25
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Ferrari	Robert	19/12/24
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Huffstutler	Anna	25/11/24
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Jane	Lysie	05/12/24
Jeffers Peddie	Calli	20/01/25
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Judd	Amber	28/11/24
Kapene	Mary	23/11/24
Kate	Lucy	21/11/24
Kay	Judith	28/11/24
Keatley-Graham	Laura	20/11/24
Kelly	Morgan	21/11/24
Kemna	Leanne	20/11/24
Kenda	Gottfried	05/12/24
Kennard	Melanie	28/11/24
Kennard	Steve	15/01/25
Kennard	Verity	15/01/25
Kissell	Heather	23/11/24
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Lee	Lynette	29/11/24
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Lewis	Geoff	05/12/24
Lindsay	Lynn	20/11/24
Lines	Tarryn	28/11/24
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Lucas	Narene	29/11/24
MacAulay	Camille	28/11/24
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MacLachlan	Kathy	17/01/25
MacLennan	Maree	28/11/24
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MacPherson	Elaine	29/12/24
Malone	Natalie	28/11/24
Manson	Jeff	23/11/24
Manson	Tania	23/11/24
Margalski	Simone	16/01/25

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Marsden	Jo	23/11/24
Marshall	Nicole	28/11/24
Martin	Sarah	19/11/24
Mason	Bridget	26/01/25
Mason	Willie	28/11/24
Masters	Jamie	16/01/25
McAulay	Camille	30/11/24
McCabe	Fiona	28/11/24
McCrae	Gill	16/01/25
McCraken	Dawn	28/11/24
McDonald	Jason	23/11/24
McElhinney	Greg	21/11/24
McElhinney	Julie	21/11/24
McFadzien	Aimee	16/01/25
McIntosh	Nichola	28/11/24
Mckenzie	Lani	25/11/24
McKinley	Jason	29/11/24
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Meuli	Robin	28/11/24
Michelle	Rebecca	19/11/24
Miller	Francesca	28/11/24
Miller	Jo	22/11/24
Milne	Kayleigh	30/12/24
Milne-Masesca	Murray	22/11/24
Moffat	Lisa	28/11/24
Myers	Trevor	28/11/24
Neilson	Tracey	28/11/24
Newman	William	17/01/25
Nicholson	Sandra	20/11/24
O,Connor	Lisa	27/11/24
O'Callaghan	Jan	20/11/24
Oldenholf	Nicola	16/01/25
Osborn	Dave	29/11/24
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Peterson	Jayde	01/12/24
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Rowe	Brian	19/11/24
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Sekone-Fraser	Ainoama	03/01/25
Sharp	Bindi	03/01/25
Shefford	Anita	28/11/24
Shepard	Susan	28/11/24
Simpson	Philippa	30/11/24
Smart	Anglique	01/11/24
Smith-Bruce	Ainslie	28/11/24
Spanner	Hannah	24/11/24
Stanley	Annabelle	16/01/25
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Street	Jeremiah	19/11/24
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Taula	Keisha	23/11/24
Taylor	John	19/11/24
Taylor	Matt	19/01/25
Templeman	Nicola	22/11/24
Tippett	Margaret	02/12/24
Tressider	Irene	17/01/25
Tui	Jenny	05/12/24
Van der Linde	Engela	28/11/24
Waddell	Jo	29/12/24
Wahren	Wendy	23/11/24
Walker	Julie	16/01/25
Warhurst	Brian	04/12/24
Williams	Phil	28/11/24
Wilson	Linda	28/11/24
Wood	Craig	30/12/24
Wride	Stephen	05/12/24
Wright	Nicole	28/11/24
Young	John	29/11/24

Note 1.

**WĀHANGA TUATAHI – KUPU WHAKATAKI ME TE
WHAKAMĀRAMA / PART ONE – INTRODUCTION AND
BACKGROUND**

1.0 1.1 Kupu whakataki /Introduction

Comprising 2,217 hectares, Sandy Point Domain (The Domain) is a large and significant open space for Invercargill City Council (Council), mana whenua, stakeholders and the wider community. Situated between the Oreti River and Foveaux Strait, the Domain is highly valued as vast reserve with a variety of landscapes where multiple recreation activities can occur, some of which would be difficult to locate elsewhere on land managed by the Council.

As one of the few remaining native forest areas within the Invercargill urban environment, the Domain offers the Invercargill community an important recreational resource providing opportunities such as picnicking, play, walking, running, cycling, horse riding, turf sports and motorsports. The Domain provides a setting where Māori heritage, indigenous biodiversity and forestry are valued.

A Masterplan outlines intentions for development at the Domain at a conceptual level.

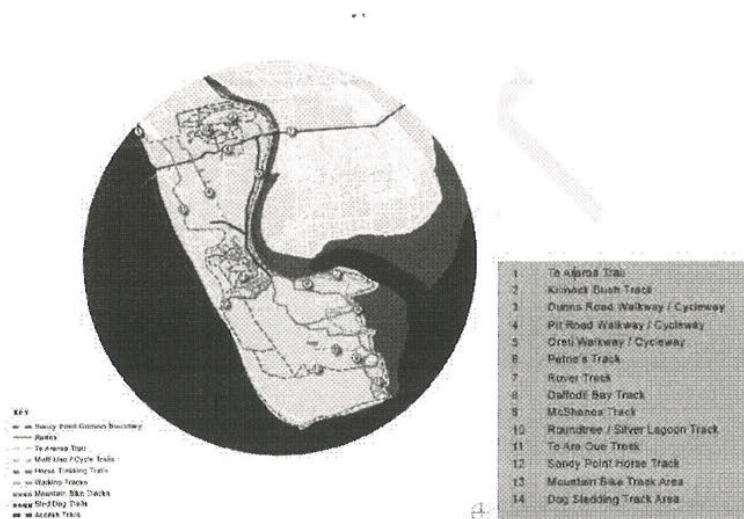
This Reserve Management Plan (RMP) reflects the needs, values and aspirations of the community. The RMP has been prepared in consultation with mana whenua, key partners and stakeholders and the community.

Note 2 2.5 Sport and Recreation

Ever since road access to Ōreti Beach was first provided, the Domain has increasingly been used as a recreational area and its environs provide visitors with a wide and diverse range of recreational activities and opportunities. Improved access, upgrading of facilities and the provision of walking tracks has helped to increase visitor use of the Domain. Activities that damage the environment or disturb the tranquillity of the area, such as four-wheel driving or trail bike riding are not permitted or are confined to specified areas. Recreation, such as fishing, walking, bird watching, picnicking, mountain biking and general appreciation of the environment, occur throughout the Domain. These activities are not confined to the specific recreation zone but are possible throughout all zones, except for the private forestry leases at the southern end of the Domain.

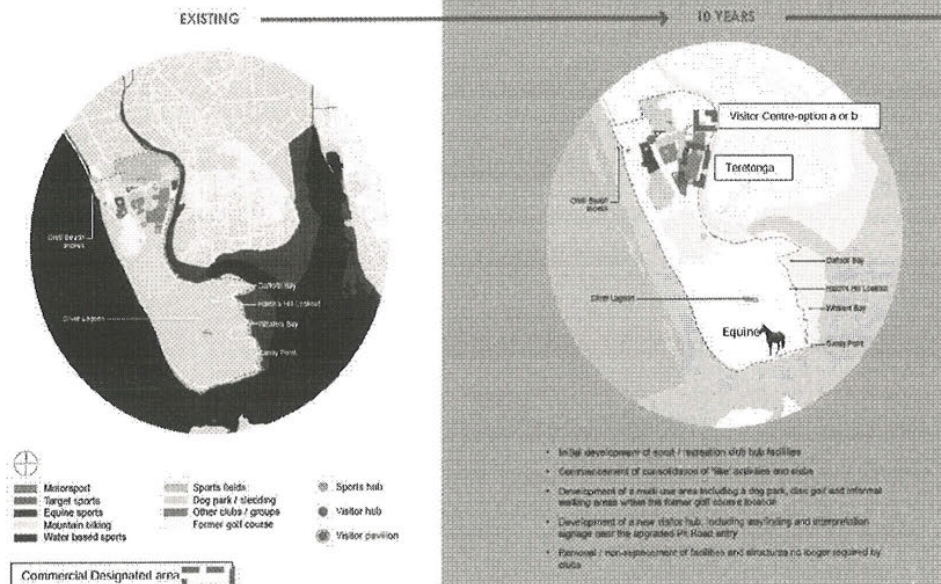
The recreation zone, because of its high level of modification, can accommodate changes easily without disturbing its character or amenity. However, it is recommended that buildings are located where they do not impose on the landscape and that they are suitably integrated into the area. Recreation is an important use of the environmental areas, but any development should be unobtrusive and not affect the ecological value of the area. Tree plantings in the recreation areas have been predominantly exotic in formal shelter lines with shrub areas of native species such as *Phormium tenax* and *Cordyline australis*.

Tracks and trails shown below are widely used for informal walking, running, biking, dog sledding and horse riding activities.



Note 3

ENHANCED RECREATIONAL OFFERING



Note 4

Leaseholders at the Reserve

1. Invercargill Pistol Club
2. Southland Clay Target Club
3. Equestrian Centre
4. Oreti Surf Club
5. Southland Rodeo Association
6. Southland Rugby Football Association
7. Southland Motorcycle Club
8. Southland Kart Club
9. Southland Astronomical Society
10. Georgetown Scouts
11. Southland Rugby League
12. Football Association (soccer) – fields not leased
13. Southland Sports Car Club
14. Former Jellicoe Sea Scouts location
15. Southland Power Boat Club
16. Invercargill Rowing Club
17. Waihapai Rowing Club
18. Southland Stock Car Drivers Association
19. Te Ara a Kewa Waka Ama Trusy
20. Southland Archery and Bowhunters Club
21. Horse Trekking
22. Airsoft Club
23. Southland Landrover Club
24. Southland Mountain Bike Club
25. Southland Sled Dog Association
26. Horse Trekking – space not leased
27. Airsoft Club
28. Airsoft Club




KEY
 ■ Sandy Point Domain Boundary
 ■ Fields
 ■ Recreation
 ■ Leased Areas



note 5

From the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan

- 4.3 **Organisms of interest** The organisms specified as pests under the SRPMP are those that are capable of causing significant “adverse effects” on one or a number of values encompassing economic wellbeing, the environment, human health, enjoyment of the natural environment, or the relationship between Māori, their culture, and their traditions and their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and taonga. It is also possible to specify “any other organisms intended to be controlled” but not accorded pest status. There are many further organisms capable of causing some adverse effects, particularly to biodiversity values. However, a number pose a sufficient future risk to warrant being watch-listed for ongoing surveillance or future control opportunities. Therefore, their placement in an “organisms of interest” category is considered prudent. Organisms of interest are not accorded pest status but future control of them could arise, for example through the site-led programme. A review of the SRPMP may be necessary to include them as pests if any rules are necessary that require an owner and/or occupier to act. Environment Southland maintains a list of those organisms included in the category of “organisms of interest” that is available on its website.



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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
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Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
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Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
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Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Section 1.5.1.5 (pg. 17): The area covering the lagoons and ephemeral wetlands are recognised as a significant biodiversity area due to the coastal tussockland feature as outlined in the district plan overlay. Native flora is predominately Chionochloa rubra (Red tussock), Carex geminate, Phormium tenax and Cordyline australis. The tussockland is the predominant vegetation type here, and it would be good to see it included accordingly. Some areas recovering have bracken as well as Muehlenbeckia complexa and Muehlenbeckia australis (both not threatened). Muehlenbeckia astonii (a threatened species) does not naturally occur in Southland, although it is a common garden plant here. Section 1.5.1.10.4 (pg. 30) Great to have the inclusion of recent research in domain and updated information. Fernbirds have been confirmed as having a resident population as of 2024 in the interior of the domain. Previously considered extinct in the area. Correct the assumption that fernbird presence is a result of flaxland returning. The fernbird population surveyed was through the tussockland area, and not through flaxland.

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?

The tussockland between Silver Lagoon and the dunes is a significant ecosystem type which could be better recognised in the management plan. This area is a different ecosystem type from the periphery of Silver Lagoon and the Totara Dune Forest but equally as significant. It's encouraging to see a planned walkway through this area (appendix 3). The tussockland is part of an ephemeral wetland complex between Silver Lagoon and the coastal dunes. There are many positive signs of a functioning tussockland ecosystem, home to fernbirds and native flora not found elsewhere in the domain. Because this ecosystem type is quite different, the approach for creating resilience and restoration plans would be different here than in the silver lagoon area. *Phormium tenax* and *Cordyline australis* are not necessarily the appropriate reference plants in this ecosystem type – more appropriate would be *Chionochloa rubra* in the low areas, and grey scrub species (*mingimingi*) on the dune crests. Include recent vegetation surveys as conducted by Wildlands in 2022 as an appendix. It would be good to have a mix of current and historic fauna and flora surveys.

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Q6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** Yes

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

Q8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** No

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

I would like to ensure that those areas of shelter belt trees that have been thoughtlessly demolished at Sandy Point ,in view of replanting with natives at some stage, Are in fact replanted with something fast-growing and wind-resistant regardless of its origins !! This obsession with all things native doesn't take into account that Sandy Point is exposed to the salt-laden roaring forties that decimate most coastal regions around the south...Hence why you see mostly scrub land with flax bushes and no other shelter on our coasts, as native bush just burns off and dies where exposed to wind. Otatara's bush has only survived where its fortunate enough to have the hardy Totara for shelter, but they are very slow-growing . This is why I would like the Reserves Dept to replant with fast growing wind-resistant trees around Sandy Point's picnic areas, playgrounds, boat clubs and sports fields... So that Southlanders can enjoy the facilities year round and not just on sunny days Because without the necessary shelter belts the area is reduced to being another desolate wasteland!!... In behind the shelter belts then Totaras and other natives would then stand a chance to beautify the area . We all want to continue to enjoy the facilities that this area provides , but it must be enhanced by creating a warm sheltered picnic and playground area conducive to patronising if it is going to be value for money.

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

I would like to ensure that the Plan includes rock deposits along the river bank adjacent to the playground to stop further erosion of the useable areas. Or a rock wall is built with steps for children to access the river for play. This could be followed up in the future with providing BBQ facilities and a water supply for picnics , If sheter is reinstated.

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

Sandy Point is our city's treasure , providing sheltered sport and recreation facilities for all Southlanders and visitors alike , It is very important that the City Council treads carefully to retain the shelter and ambience the area provides so close to the coast and beach; Especially when they are rendered unusable due to weather conditions.. This is why the pines planted for forestry must be retained in a 20 metre strip around the recreational areas .and not clear felled when the sawmillers move in !! This is essential to maximise Sandy Points' potential as Invercargill's recreational island.

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I don't agree with Slashing all the shelter belt pine trees and replacing them with all things of the natives species... As the pinus radiata is very resilient to salt winds and gale force westerlies along the coast , behind which other species can flourish and grow !... So some common sense has to be applied and not blanket prejudices against all things European. We the people would like to see the ICC enhance recreational areas with shelter that doesn't burn off in the wind and if that means planting a row or 2 of pines ,then so be it !! Continued Use of the Southern end of Sandy Point for forestry seems a sensible use of otherwise marginal land . Including retention of a wet land area with riparian planting around it. Biosolid waste discharge should only occur where its properly managed, and filtered back into the environment. There should be no road closures at Sandy Point as the future will see greater development of the area and need for greater access . I believe the community at Coopers Creek should remain as it makes for an interesting Quirky space to visit .And noise management as per Council Bylaws.

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I would like to see the Recreational space beside the children's playground returned to a Public-use facility for Boaties and picnic makers .(Where the old Ski Boat Clubhouse is.) I don't believe this prime piece of real estate should be tied up in the hands of only one stake holder ,who can block it off from public use...Namely the Waka Ama Trust or any other private organisation ,who seeks exclusive rights !! This area has the amazing potential to become a Tourist attraction for visitors and locals alike...If the space was properly developed with BBQ facilities ,Ablution facilities and running water . Just as is provided for all in many Australian coastal reserves !! If properly sheltered with a row of pines behind the native trees ,it would attract people from near and far and really enhance the area ,as a sheltered secluded sunny spot for water sports and boating activities !! I do not agree with reverting this area back to a wilderness area ,or an indigenous only area ,as we are now a multicultural country and have to supply the needs of all peoples and not just a few !! We have to look to an area's potential and not be locked in to the past 's wasteful land use ideologies !! As land becomes a sought after resource.

Invercargill Community and
Wellbeing and Regulatory Cmtee
ICC Overseer



10.2.25.

Dear Ms Jenna Crawford,

On reading about your committee's plans to enhance Invercargill and surrounds with projects that improve our wellbeing: I'd like to put forward the suggestion of focusing on our surrounds, namely Sandy Point and Oreti beach.

Many TV programmes featuring tourist highlights of visits to ^{other} N.Z towns offer focus on the beach, the river, the mountain and not just the town. But sadly this is lacking in TV programmes about Invercargill, that seem to focus on truck and motorbike museums or other boring stuff!!

Invercargill is very fortunate to have the Sandy Point domain in particular as it is gradually becoming a real recreational hub for Invercargill with Teretonga and Riverside raceway. Boating and rowing clubs, mountainbiking and walking tracks. But I believe ICC could do a lot more to develop the picnic and playground area on the South Bank of the Oreti river. At the moment it's being leased by Waka Ama for canoes storage (in the old Ski Boat building) but that area in conjunction with Waka Ama could/should have been developed as an open access area for townies and visitors alike to make it their boating playground, picnic and BBQ area; providing an outdoor BBQ's / Ablution Block and water. This would be a very popular attraction with the children's playground next door. All it requires is to replace the proper shelter belt trees (the area once enjoyed) and an agreement with Waka Ama to open it up to the public. Then it would become a real treasure to all locals and tourists alike

P.T.O

This Prime Real Estate would then become a beautiful sheltered, multi use, functional site and tourist attraction.

We must enhance our coastal areas with play ground facilities, fishing and boating facilities to give Everyone ^{outdoor} more activities to enjoy down South to alleviate in-activity and Boredom and in particular Bad Press !!

Yours faithfully



P.S. Other Activities for Oreti Beach could include
Land Yachts / Kites / Windsurfers / surf boats (inflatable)
Surfboards = A council run operation
Also a bus service from town to Sandy Point and the beach would get a lot of youth off the couch !! (if well promoted)

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Yes

Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?

Yes

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

Yes

Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?

I am a member of the Foveaux Riding Club

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

We have submitted and spoken with Council representatives over a number of years regarding their Management Plans and just wish to reiterate what we have said in the past, that the current separate horseriding area is an important facility that should continue as a separate area. This is the only dedicated horseriding area in Southland. While additional facilities such as trail signs and mobile coverage discussed in previous years would be a plus if possible - all we really need is the separate area to ride our horses.

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

As previously, for safety reasons, the horseriding area needs to be separate from other recreation activity areas such as cycling and dog-walking.

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

We are happy to discuss with Council. Please ensure this horseriding area remains available.

DRAFT SANDY POINT DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN Submission 30 January 2025

The Sandy Point Domain Reserve has been an important part of my life for 50 of my 70 years.

I strongly support the Policy Clause 9.3.2., Number 11, Page 78 - "Residential occupants of the Domain with an annual licence to occupy will be granted a 21-year licence to occupy with a right of renewal of seven years plus seven years with the right to transfer to a third party for the remaining period to a maximum of 35 years."

I submit that content in the DRAFT Management Plan is flawed in multiple places. In fact, (excluding the Appendices), I have highlighted on 53 of the 83 pages the following:

Major concerns:

For example (e.g.)

1. Pg 51, Paragraph 3- *"The original intention of permitting cribs in the domain was that they were to be used as holiday or weekend homes. However, over the years, some buildings have been considerably upgraded in the past and are now used as permanent places of residence."*

Parks staff and Invercargill City councillors have evidence from the ICC Library Archives which show from the 1957 licence that it was the intention for the developed areas of the Domain to be for permanent or holiday occupation.

- 1b. Pg 51, Paragraph 1- *'Within the boundaries of the Domain there are two areas of residential buildings that have been identified as non-conforming in previous RMPs.....'*

Why is there the persistence in using the words non-conforming when they have caused much dissent and hurt. Earlier councils supported the building and living in permanent homes at Cooper's Creek. These homes were present in 1992 when the Domain was gazetted and became a Reserve.

2. Pg 40, paragraph 4- *"Recreation activities are not confined to the specific recreation zone but are possible throughout all zones, except for the private forestry leases at the southern end of the Domain.*

The land under private forestry leases returned to ICC control in 2016.

3. Pg 36- Use of the image of the swim suit competition.

There are many other images that could have been used to show early recreational uses e.g. sailing boats, rowing.

4. Pg 23, last line under Shingle Zone *"It is now occupied by forestry plantation and some farming."* - **Farming leases were discontinued 40 odd years ago. What does this mean?**

Errors:

e.g.

1. Pg 18, second paragraph- *"It would appear that hearsay accounts of the depth of water in the estuary very much over-estimated its depth."*

In a book called "Mr Surveyor Thomson" by John Hall-Jones, A.H.& A.W. Reed LTD. 1971., Pg 42, states that **"Thomson found ample anchorage for vessels of up to 400 tons in the estuary and that such vessels could reach the foot of Tweed Street."**

2. Pg 29, 2nd last paragraph- *"Since the Society made its submission, Silver lagoon has been taken out of the leasehold area and has been restored to its former state."*

Removal from the farm leasehold area occurred in the 1970's and its "former state" has been enhanced by native planting mentioned elsewhere in the plan. The lagoon often dries up completely after long periods of dry weather i.e. it has no water in it and wildlife move away or die. I have seen this happen.

Omissions:

e.g.

It is extremely disappointing to have the removal from this plan of much of the European history on Sandy Point which occurred nearly 200 years ago. Much of this history pre-dates Invercargill by 20 years.

Subjective comment:

Pg 13, second paragraph – *"Maintaining a healthy vegetation cover is a prime management objective and why farming was so unsuited to the area."*

This italicized clause is unnecessary. Forestry and farming in the past stabilized the land from sand shifting since the 1920's. Focus on the prime management objective of maintaining a healthy vegetation cover is the way forward.

Wording or images which have the potential to create false implications or impressions.

1. Pg 33, Image of the Whale pot.

This is an old photo which shows easy access to this relic of early history. It would take someone unfamiliar with the Domain quite some time to locate it in Whalers Bay as it is. Earlier closure of this valued picnic area, and relatively recent total planting over of the space with native plants, makes access to the whale pot difficult.

Many of the photos used in this plan are quite dated and not reflective of the current reality.

2. Pg 12, last paragraph- *"While the area has been significantly modified by humans in the last 100 years with only a few original, mature trees remaining..."*

There is a biased tone to this statement.. Human intervention has also stabilized and improved the land. An example is the pine plantings, especially on the western margins, which have protected the Domain from continuing sand drift. This was the intention of plantings.

In addition:

Policy clause 8.2.2.1.2. Number 6, Page 63 states

"Council's intention is to prioritise non-motorised recreation in the Domain and Master Plan 2023 implementation may reduce or exclude vehicle use of some internal roads." And again

Policy clause 8.2.3.2. Number 3, Page 64 states

"Restrict vehicle access from dawn to dusk (I expect that the intention is dusk to dawn) at the southern end of Sandy Point Road where the legal road ends and gravel roads disperse at the intersection to Christies Track, Sandy Point Road and Daffodil Bay Road"

I submit that this will once again further reduce the public use of, and presence in the Domain. Areas of the Domain ,closed off in past years, require obtaining key access to locked barriers in advance. This has greatly reduced the number of families spontaneously enjoying the special environment of the Domain's bays and beaches while having a picnic, throwing a frisbee or playing cricket or other recreation. Fewer "eyes about" has had an effect of inspiring and allowing vandalism.

Additionally, closure of these roads will not allow the public to come out for night photography, eg. Aurora Watch, enjoy sunrises and sunsets, fishing with the tide, night-light cycling, to mention a few activities which are currently enjoyed outside of the hours proposed. How would the closures take place? How would the visiting ranger ensure everyone is off the roads and out of the areas of the domain to be closed, before the access was shut off?

Regarding Policy Clause 3.2.3.2. Residential Sites Page 51, Paragraph 5

"The matter of having small groups of cribs situated in the heart of the domain..."

The cribs at Cooper's Creek occupy a very small area (3.5 Hectares) and are situated on the eastern coast, not in the "heart" of the Domain.

I submit that the heart of the Sandy Point Domain Reserve is within the nature of its name i.e. a treasured place of rest.

I submit that the DRAFT Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan in its present form is unsatisfactory, discreditable and often contradicts itself.

You ask, "Have we got it right?" – Not yet, I believe.

I intend to appear in person to speak to this submission when that process is undertaken.

Christine Smith

P.O.Box 7050

Invercargill.

[REDACTED]

We submit the following in response to the Draft Sandy Point Reserve Management Plan (DSPRMP) to be considered in full by elected members of the Invercargill City Council.

First and foremost we note that there is no reference to revoke the reserve status of the area of Coopers Creek despite an application from residents to do so? We note there is no reference to freehold properties at Coopers Creek, again despite an application by residents to do so?

The only reference to Coopers Creek is the proposal by Council to offer a total of 35 year leases/licence to occupy. There is an absolute dearth of detail surrounding the proposal so we are unable to comment on that particular proposal.

We note the draft no longer refers to the policy of council "acquisition" of cribs at Coopers Creek. The proposal to delete this policy leaves residents in a very vulnerable position. No consultation has taken place regarding removal of the acquisition policy. We do not support the removal from the draft of council acquisition of cribs at Coopers Creek.

It is our opinion, based on lived experiences over the past four plus years, that parks and reserve staff operate from an ideological base that is primarily focused on conservation regardless of the existing rights of the people of the wider Invercargill area when it comes to the Sandy Point Domain.

Elected members must be very diligent in their digestion of reports and recommendations that come from the parks department so that decisions made about the area are fair and based on the needs and rights of the people as well as conservation of the area. They must strive to seek evidence based facts, not computer generated forecasts or hyperbole regarding Sandy Point and the suggested impacts of climate change and "flooding". The word "inundation" is mentioned as the basis for forming a new road. Where is the fact based evidence?

We submit that the village of Coopers Creek can continue to exist in perpetuity under provision in the Reserves Act 1977 section 44(1)(e). This is absolutely possible under the ten year management plan and all that is required is for Council to amend the ten year management plan to permit the existence of the village.

That may seem radical to some, however it will eliminate any need for revocation or freehold, not to mention the years long battles between Council and Villagers that wear everyone down. This would seem to us a win/win outcome.

It has been erroneously reported as fact that cribs at Coopers Creek were to be used as holiday or weekend homes only. It has also been erroneously reported in previous management plans that the cribs are "non-conforming".

A signed and dated Invercargill City Council document states *"the tenant will use the land for Holiday or Residential purposes only and not for industrial purposes"* (refer Appendix 1).

Minutes from a meeting in 1991 between several elected councillors and villagers state *"The crib owners had a legal right to be there and some word other than non-conforming would be found for the management plan to describe their status."* (refer Appendix 2).

We are concerned about the upkeep of Sandy Point green areas, including verges, open green spaces and tracks. The low-mow approach by parks and reserves has turned many areas into scruffy and unkempt places, not conducive to leisure and recreation. At times overgrown bracken and creeper on stairs and tracks creates a real risk of injury.

A further concern is that during summer months large areas of unmowed long dry grasses escalates significantly the risk of fires in the domain.

Plans to restrict road access past the end of the tar seal road from "Dawn to Dusk" is of great concern to us. Firstly it creates real safety issues for anyone accessing gravel roads at night. It is widely acknowledged the area is used by people intent on damaging both the roads and green areas by way of unsafe use of vehicles, speed included. Often the same people display antisocial and intimidating behaviours to other users of the area. At the same time parks and reserves state the full-time position of a ranger is not an option due to "safety issues". In our opinion this seems a contradictory and incongruent proposal.

Ambulance, fire engines and police would all be delayed by locked gates. Recreational fishermen, swimmers, boaties, kayakers, track users, flounderers, kai moana gatherers would all be impacted. We do not support road restriction and view the proposal as another example of the rights of people to choose for themselves being diminished.

We do not support the proposal of creating a new "loop road" by building another road in the vicinity of Pit Road. Not only is the site closer to the sea, in a swampy area and a huge cost to the ratepayer, but on what basis is this being proposed?? We view this as the ultimate extravagance and very poorly thought out.

Throughout the Sandy Point Draft Management Plan numerous mentions are made regarding the history, heritage and culture of the domain and rightly so. We note that the village of Coopers Creek has largely been left out of these categories and we can't help but ask Why?

Sandy Point Domain exists for all who wish to avail themselves of the nature and lesiure activities. It does not exist for a small group of idealists with their own vision and agenda who happen to have roles that are powerful, if not kept in check by elected members, for the benefit of all.

We request the opportunity to speak to our submission at the submissions hearing and to be informed of details regarding this.

Kath & Brian McDonagh

Appendix 1

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INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCILConditions pertaining to the Letting of Sites at the following Localities:-

ORETI SANDS TOWNSHIP: SANDY POINT DOMAIN: PILOT STATION
RESERVE, OMAU.

1. The tenancy shall be yearly and the rent shall be \$35.50 for the year from 1/4/79 and increased each subsequent year by the same percentage as the City rate increase.
2. Before any building is erected or altered proper plans and specifications must be lodged with and approved by the Southland County Council and after the necessary permit has been granted and permit fee (if any) paid the work may proceed, but the building must be approved by the Director of Reserves prior to commencement.
3. The tenant will use the land for Holiday or Residential purposes only and not for industrial purposes.
4. The tenant shall maintain in good order and condition all buildings and fences on Lot...3....Block.....
Locality...SANDY POINT....., and at all times keep the land and buildings in a neat and tidy condition to the approval of the Council. The Landlord will not be liable for fencing or for damage from fire or difficulty of access.
5. The said Tenant shall not nor will at any time during the period of tenancy sublet or dispose of any interest in the said land or buildings without the previous consent in writing of the Council.
6. Any Lessee must commence building within six (6) months and complete the building to the satisfaction of the Director of Reserves within twelve (12) months or forfeit the Lease. This also applies to a site where the building has been removed or destroyed.
7. No person shall lease more than one section at any one time.
8. Lessee will insure the building against fire in the joint name of Lessee and the Invercargill City Council with a minimum Cover of \$100.00.
9. Before any Lease is terminated the Lessee must tidy the site to the satisfaction of the Director of Reserves.
10. Failure to comply with any of these conditions entitles the Council to terminate the Tenancy when buildings or other improvements thereon shall forthwith revert to the Corporation, and it shall be an offence to remove any such buildings or erections without the prior consent in writing of the Council.

I hereby agree to the foregoing conditions.

Dated this...25th.....day of...August...1978...

Russell James & Lynette Susan Smith
NAME IN FULL

...
(SIGNATURE)

...66...Albert St...Invercargill...
ADDRESS

We have sold our interest in the above section to the said
R.J. & L.S. Smith

Signed...C.D. & D.L. Burns

Date...25/8/78

Appendix 2

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RECORD OF A MEETING WITH THE SANDY POINT (DAFFODIL BAY) CRIB OWNERS HELD IN THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE ON TUESDAY 21 MAY 1991

Present: Cr Winter (Chairman), Cr Lamb, Mr Watt
Mrs Burns and other crib owners from Daffodil Bay.

Meeting commenced: 3.00 p.m.

Following discussion regarding rentals for crib sites at Daffodil Bay, it was agreed after viewing copies of the leasehold agreements that the Council had not complied with the agreement in that it had not initiated negotiations prior to raising rentals.

In view of this it was agreed that it would be recommended to Council that the rentals decrease to their previous level for the forthcoming year, and that crib owners be charged for 15 months to bring them in line with the Council's new financial year. An amended account is to be sent out.

It was further agreed that

- a) The crib owners had a legal right to be there and some word other than "non-conforming" would be found for the management plan to describe their status.
- b) The Director would look into possible launching ramp sites at Sandy Point.
- c) That property information at Parks Office would be sorted out where necessary (some members of the delegation complained of receiving conflicting advice from different staff members and felt that the property records at the Parks Office needed putting in order).
- d) That a further meeting would be called in a couple of months or so to initiate negotiations for rental review in accordance with the leasehold agreements.
- e) That Mrs C. D. Burns P.O. Box 97 Winton Phone 03 2367 066 would act as coordinator for the crib-owners.

Meeting concluded: 3.45 p.m.

**Respondent No:** 23**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jan 28, 2025 16:29:51 pm**Last Seen:** Jan 28, 2025 16:29:51 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Edwin (Eddie) Philip Haswell Wood

Q2. **Contact Email** [REDACTED]

Q3. **Post Code** 9812

Q4. **Phone** [REDACTED]

Q5. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?** Yes

Q6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** Yes

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

Q8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** No

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

I have an interest in the outcomes of the Sandy Point Domain Management Plan as a long time lease holder [REDACTED] within the confines of the Sandy Point Domain. I have a lease (attached) with the ICC which dates back to 1986 and has been renewed on a yearly basis to the present. In total nearly forty years of duration. I am aware that residential crib sites are classified as non-conforming within the management policies of the Domain and that there future status is under review. I am aware of media releases in recent time which outline a proposal where the residents of Coopers Creek gain better security and certainty with a Fixed term lease of 21 years with two 7 year rights of renewal and that any increases in the licence fee be aligned to the annual percentage rate increase for the city From 3.2.3.2 of the draft management plan dealing with Residential Sites it is clearly recognised that [REDACTED] within the confines of the boundaries of the Domain and it would seem the thrust of this document is to treat all crib sites the same and I would support that outcome This would also seem to be in line with recent correspondence 09/12/2024 (attached) from council leasing officer Emma Burke where she informed me that the Parks and Recreation Manager, Caroline Raines has decided that [REDACTED] sites will be charged in the same way as the Coopers Creek annual licence fee. The purpose of my submission is to support a 21 year lease with two 7 year rights of renewal to replace my existing [REDACTED] yearly lease with any increases in the licence fee to be no greater than the percentage rate increase for the city.

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

Nothing, Thank you

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

No, Thank you

AN AGREEMENT made this 29th day of JULY 1986

BETWEEN THE INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL (hereinafter called "the Lessor")
of the one part

AND EDWIN PHILIP HASWELL WOOD
(hereinafter called "the Lessee") of the other part

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED by and between the Lessor and the Lessee as follows:

1. THE Lessor agrees to lease and the Lessee agrees to rent a crib site
at SANDY POINT DOMAIN : ORETI SANDS TOWNSHIP : OMAHU :
described as [REDACTED]

2. THE term of the lease shall be for the balance of one year commencing from and inclusive
of the 8th day of May 19 86 and terminating on the
day of 31st March 19 87.

3. THE rental shall be \$114-00 plus G.S.T. \$5-67 (\$119-67)
(\$ 119-67) per annum HOWEVER in the event that the Lessor grants to the
Lessee a renewal of this Agreement on its termination the rental for any
succeeding year shall be increased by the same percentage as the increase in
rates struck by the Invercargill City Council in the year preceding the
renewal of the Agreement NOTHING in this clause shall be construed however
as conferring on the Lessee any right or option to have this Agreement
renewed on its expiry.

THE LESSEE AGREES as follows:

1. BEFORE the Lessee erects alters or demolishes any building on the site
proper plans and specifications must be approved by the Director of Parks
and Recreation before being lodged with the Southland County Council for its
approval. The Lessee shall pay all fees and obtain all necessary Local Body
permission connected with the erection alteration or demolition of any
building on the site.

2. THE exterior colour scheme of all buildings and fences is subject to
the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation. Approval is to be
obtained by submitting a proposed scheme to the Director of Parks and
Recreation before painting begins. The Lessor reserves the right to require
the Lessee to repaint in a colour scheme approved by the Director of Parks
and Recreation any buildings or fences which have been painted in a scheme
not approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Lessor will notify
the Lessee of any such requirement by registered letter forwarded to the
Lessee at his last known address specifying the time in which the colour change
is to be made.

3. THE Lessee shall not use the site for any reason other than the erection
of improvements for holiday or casual occupancy.

4. THE Lessee shall maintain in good order and condition all buildings,
drains, sanitary water and electrical apparatus, windows, doors, catches and
all other improvements, gardens, grounds, hedges and gates to the satisfaction
of the Lessor.

5. THE Lessee shall not nor shall he allow any other person to remove or
damage any tree shrub plant or bush on the demised land without the prior
consent in writing of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

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6. THE the Lessee will not assign sublet or part with the possession of the demised premises or any part thereof for the whole or any part of the term hereby created without consent in writing of the Lessor first had and obtained PROVIDED THAT such consent shall not be unreasonably or arbitrarily withheld in the case of a respectable responsible and solvent proposed assignee or subtenant.

7. THE Lessee is to commence the erection of any improvements to be constructed on the site within six months of the date of execution of this Agreement and is to complete the building to the standard required by the Director of Parks and Recreation within 12 months of the date of execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this covenant will result in the lease being cancelled without further notice.

8. THE Lessee agrees to surrender any other lease of a crib site he now holds from the Lessor and appoints the Lessor as his attorney for the purpose of undertaking any such surrender as aforesaid.

9. ON the termination or assignment of the lease the Lessee will yield up the site in a clean and tidy condition and free from any accumulation of tins bottles paper or other refuse of any kind having regard to the condition of the site at the commencement of the tenancy but in any event to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

10. THE Lessee shall at his own expense insure and keep insured in the name of the Invercargill City Council as Lessor and himself as Lessee all improvements for their full insurable value. The insurance policy document is to be deposited with the Parks and Recreation Department of the Invercargill City Council.

LESSORS RESERVATIONS:

1. THE Lessor shall not be liable to contribute towards the cost of erection or repair of any fences on the land.

2. THE Lessor shall not be liable to contribute towards the cost of repairing any damage to the leased land or buildings caused by fire, drifting sand or any other cause whatsoever.

3. THE Lessor shall not be liable for any expense or inconvenience caused to the Lessee his successors in title or assigns arising out of difficulty in gaining access to the demised land.

4. THE Lessor shall not be liable on termination of the lease due to forfeiture through failure to comply with terms of this Agreement or expiry to pay to the Lessee any compensation for improvements.

5. THE Lessor reserves the right to require the Lessee to agree to the revision of all or any of the conditions of this Agreement in the event that any such revision becomes necessary pursuant to any Act Regulation Bylaw or other requirement of any Local Body affecting the land by executing a new lease Agreement or be amending this Agreement.

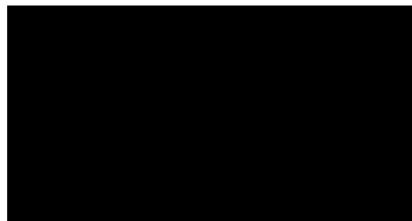
6. FAILURE by the Lessee to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall entitle the Lessor to terminate the lease on one month's notice given to the Lessee in writing whereupon any buildings or other improvements shall be forfeit to the Lessor.

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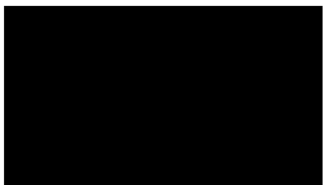
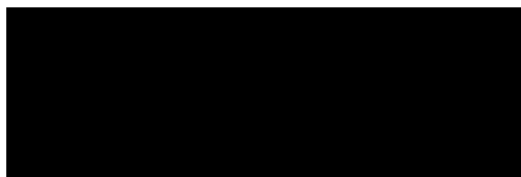
7. NOTWITHSTANDING any of the foregoing provisions of this Agreement the Lessee may at any time on six months' notice to the Lessor terminate this Agreement whereupon the Lessee shall be entitled to remove any buildings fences or other improvements owned by him from the site provided that he shall be liable to compensate the Lessor for any damage caused to the site through the removal of the buildings fences or other improvements as aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents have been executed the day and year first hereinbefore written.

WITNESSED on behalf of)
THE INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL)



SIGNED by the Lessee in)
the presence of:)



DATED 29th July 1986

THE INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL

Lessor

E. P. H. WOOD

Lessee

DEED OF LEASE

Preston Evans Noble & Early
Solicitors
Invercargill



9 December 2024

E P Wood
121 Morton Street
INVERCARGILL 9812

C/- e.p.h@xtra.co.nz

Dear Edwin

CRIB LICENCE – RENTAL

We refer to the letter sent out on 27 June 2024. We note discussions have been completed and rental invoicing is no longer deferred for the 2024/2025 financial year.

As you may be aware, council made a decision on 27 September 2024 (see enclosed Council resolution) on how the Coopers Creek annual licence fee is to be calculated.

The "annual licence fee is to be calculated from a baseline fee effective from 1 July 2024 of \$1,058 with the annual increase from 1 July 2025 and beyond to be calculated based on the approved ICC annual percentage rate increase for the actual year following."

It has been decided by the Parks and Recreation Manager, Caroline Rain, that Pacific Avenue will be charged in the same way as the Coopers Creek annual licence fee.

As of the 1 January 2025 you will be charged quarterly at \$264.50 each for the remaining two quarters of the financial year (A total of \$529.00 for the period from 1 January 2025 - 30 June 2025).

Please see enclosed credit invoices of \$60.50, at total credit of \$121.00 for the period from the 1 July 2024 to the 31 December 2024. This leaves a total of \$204.00 owing for the quarterly charge invoiced on the 1 October 2024.

As of the date of this letter, this leaves a total balance of **\$204.00 to be paid on or before the 20 January 2025.**

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the Council at property@icc.govt.nz

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emma Burke".

Emma Burke
Leasing Officer

The Masterplan was not a regulatory requirement and was completed by Boffa Miskell who are not a local firm and did not possess local knowledge.

The Masterplan has not acknowledged the area of Coopers Creek which is an historical village on the Domain.

The Masterplan/Management Plan Stage 1 submissions were not released to the public until 10 months after they closed on 31 January 2024. Parks and Recreation advised me (via email) in February 2024 that the submissions would be posted on the ICC "Let's Talk" website and that has never happened. Despite asking to speak to our submissions we were not afforded the opportunity to do so. We had no idea that they had been presented at the 15 October 2025 Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting and only found out from a third party in January 2025 that this was the case. We have now laid a formal complaint regarding this.

We have also resubmitted our original Stage 1 submissions in Stage 2 of the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan as we do not want to have to repeat information that we included in those submissions and as previously advised we were not given the opportunity to speak to them.

We are insulted that we took so much time to critique the Masterplan and spend our holiday writing 2 submissions that covered all of our concerns for them to be ignored. We have since watched the livestream of the October Meeting and when the Council report and submissions were tabled only 2 questions were asked by Councillors. One regarding off leash dog areas at the old golf course and one asking what an acronym stood for. Why didn't any Councillors question the intended restricted road access to Daffodil and Whalers Bay that impacts all Invercargill/Southland residents? 150 submissions and 2 questions - really!!!

Coopers Creek residents have attempted over the years to achieve some more long term options to enable us to stay here in perpetuity. In 2022 we (100% of residents) applied for freehold status to be included in this management plan. This application was not progressed by the Council and we have been constantly told that the elected members would not support it. We are unsure why this is the case when it has already happened at Omaui, The Cabbage Tree Restaurant and the Camping Ground as well as more recently at Awarua and Mokomoko Reserve. All of these properties were/are currently on Reserves.

We then sought (and paid for) the expert advice of Boyd Wilson, Bonisch Consulting to consider options on our behalf and he recommended revoking the reserve status. Once again 100% of the residents were in agreement with the Bonisch submission to revoke the reserve status and it was included in the Stage 1 submissions of the Management Plan that closed on 31 January 2024. This option does not appear in the draft Sandy Point Domain Management Plan.

After Stage 1 submissions closed Council staff were asked by the Mayor to consider all tenure options available to Coopers Creek residents and produce a report that the residents would have the opportunity to view before being presented to Council. The report was handed to the residents less than 2 days before the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2024 so we did not have the opportunity to speak to the Meeting and the options put forward did not include revoking the reserve status and 2 other options were included that had not been discussed with us previously. The legal advice received from PR Law on 28 February 2024 was available to staff at this time (refer attached).

The minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting were accepted at the full Council Meeting on 28 May 2024 and the 5 options were tabled with a recommendation to Council in regards to Coopers Creek Tenure Determination Process:

"Officers to discuss with residents to gauge support for option 2 within 3 months of today's date and if there is no clear direction then Option 5 will proceed with."

Option 2 was Long Term Licence (end of life)

Option 5 was Independent Process

On Michael Day's advice 3 residents requested to speak to the full Council Meeting on 28 May 2024 and were refused permission to do so by the Mayor.

Individual meetings and a final group meeting were then conducted by Tom and Rex over the next 2-3 months and Rex presented his report at the Council Meeting on 24 September 2024. Of the options presented 100% of residents were in favour of the following option:

- Retain Reserve Status - 35 year license, right of renewal and transferable.

This was the first and only opportunity that any of the residents had to speak to any of the tenure options that had previously been presented to Council. That is why I am taking the time to address these in this current submission and I sincerely hope that all elected members take the time to read these submissions in full.

We have been told from the outset, by Parks and Recreation, to ensure our options are included in the Management Plan. When they delayed the release of this Management Plan, due to Lidar Data not being available, we asked for our freehold application to be progressed separately and were told that to run that process outside of the plan would cost in the vicinity of \$70,000.00. It never progressed.

It is interesting to note that despite public objections the revocation of reserve status is progressing for a large portion of Donovan Park which is also a Reserve. Just for the record we are in favour of the Council selling off land which is not being utilised to it's full potential so we do not oppose what is happening at Donovan Park but the same standards don't appear to apply to us at Coopers Creek.

As part of the Donovan Park revocation process an update from Chris Bowen dated 12 November 2024 was presented to the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory Committee Meeting which included the following statement:

"The revocation process is primarily managed within Council resources; however professional legal advice (e.g. PR Law) will be necessary and estimated at circa \$10,000. If revocation progresses, subdivision and gazettal is required, it is estimated to cost \$20,000."

In the draft Sandy Point Management Plan on page on page 51 Section 3.2.3.2 Residential Sites paragraph 2 states:

"Generally, the Act does not permit private dwellings on land managed as reserve. There are some exceptions, for example staff housing. The Council has not defined any areas where permanent accommodation is permitted and none have been included in this or previous Reserve Management Plans for the Domain and Section 44 of the Act indicates that personal accommodation at the Domain is an unauthorised use of reserve."

The Council sought advice from Janese Priergaard-Petersen (PR Law) on 28 February 2024, page 2, point 8. of that advice states:

"There is a statutory prohibition upon using a reserve for permanent or temporary personal accommodation without the Minister's approval contained in Section 44(1) of the Reserves Act. There are exceptions to this prohibition to allow personal accommodation of buildings set aside for such activities as ranger's residences, DOC camping grounds, huts, cabins and shelters or lodges. Section 44(1)(e) provide a further exception for areas defined on management plans prepared under section 41 and for the time being enforced. This exception would mean that, if the Sandy Point management plan was amended to allow for the Coopers Creek cribs then that would be permissible under Section 44."

On page 80 of the draft Management Plan when referencing Section 44 of the Act it states:

"Exceptions can apply where consent is granted by the Minister of Conservation (which is delegated to Invercargill City Council)."

It should be remembered that Coopers Creek residences legally existed on the Domain from the 1950s some 40 years before the Domain was made a Reserve by the Council without prior individual consultation with residents. We still do not know how it was able to be made a reserve, that does not allow for residential homes, when all of the houses already existed. The block we are on, which is part of the forestry block, should have been exempted from the Reserve as it was in 1889.

It is the Council that have created this dilemma and we implore you to fix it as per your own lawyer's legal advice described above. This would not involve changing the status of the Reserve nor seeking approval from the Commissioner and would provide the most long term security for residents. We do not understand why this was not one of the tenure options offered to residents when the McDonagh's raised it at their individual meeting with Tom and Rex. I was present at that meeting.

We want Councillors to carefully consider this option and include in the current draft Management Plan.

Since the Ranger and his residence were removed from Sandy Point vandalism and off road driving has increased at the northern end of the Domain. Coopers Creek residents have now essentially become honorary rangers and kaitiaki (guardians) of the Domain. We have put out fires, rescued lost walkers and stranded boaties and contacted police when necessary. Our presence is a deterrent for boy racers and illegal activities at the southern end of the Domain. This is reason enough to justify our existence on the Domain in perpetuity.

Whilst the 21 +7 +7 year tenure option may be preferable to the current year to year licence to occupy agreements, neither is ideal. The 35 year end of life option currently included in the draft Management Plan reduces the equity of our properties significantly and does not offer long term security. Besides that none of us want to see the end of our beautiful village which has been in existence since the early 1950s and was established before most of us were born.

We have spoken to a resident at the Upper Selwyn Hutts, who are in a similar situation to ours, and she informed us that when their community was given 25 years end of life their house values went from approx. \$150,000 to approx. \$50,000.

In all of the 3 previous management plans a clause has been included for acquisition of our properties and this has been removed from the current draft management plan. We request that it is reinstated in the current draft management plan.

Paragraph 3 on page 51 Section 3.2.3.2 Residential Sites states:

"The original intention of permitting cribs in the Domain was that they were to be used as holiday or weekend homes. However, over the years, some buildings have been considerably upgraded past the modest crib and are now used as permanent places of residences."

We have a copy of an ICC site letting agreement signed and dated 25 August 1978 and Item 3 states:
"The tenant will use the land for Holiday or Residential purposes only and not for industrial purposes."

The statement that they were to be used as holiday or weekend homes is factually incorrect and was only introduced in 1989 when the first management plan was written by the Parks and Recreation Department, but not signed or dated by L J Metcalf, Director of Parks and Recreation at the time.

We request that the statement in the current draft management plan is updated to the correct wording that existed prior to the Domain becoming a Reserve and the narrative that has been preached by the subsequent Parks and Recreation staff be addressed.

The Domain has never looked worse. The locked picnic areas look like hay paddocks. All of the river side recreation area has been planted out leaving very little parking for cars, boats, jet skis and we have noted over the past few hot days that people have moved further down the river to the grass areas beyond the playground to enjoy water and leisure activities.

There is a lack of substantial evidence to show what the potential impact of climate change and sea level rise on assets and infrastructure from inundation, coastal retreat and erosion will really look like. Whilst there has been some coastal erosion by the playground on the river and at the most south/east end of the Domain nothing has been done by DOC, Environment Southland or the ICC to mitigate it.

There should be no restricted access to roads across the Domain. If there is what happens in the case of an emergency such as fire, injury or medical event?

Fishermen and family groups use the Estuary to launch boats at Whalers Bay and also to access the Estuary to go floundering and collecting shellfish.

There is enough room for all of the different recreation users to have separate facilities and tracks for their own purpose and not multi use tracks which does not work with dogs, horses, walkers and bike riders sharing tracks.

Since the 1990s when Sandy Point first became a Domain and fell under Parks & Recreation the staff have made no secret of the fact that they do want us here. Clauses that favoured our existence have been removed from subsequent Management Plans and replaced by clauses to phase us out which did not exist in the first Management Plan.

Members of the public constantly ask us why the Council do not want us here and we do not have the answer because it makes no sense. We are not doing any harm and in fact we are of benefit to the area which has been acknowledged by some Councillors.

In conclusion Coopers Creek residents are prepared to park their freehold and revocation of reserve status ambitions provided our elected members support allowing us to be on the Reserve by defining our area as an exception under Section 44(1)(e) and amending the draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan to allow for the Coopers Creek cribs which is permissible under Section 44 of the Act.

However if the elected members do not support the above then we request that our revocation of reserve status application, prepared by Bonisch Consulting, is included in the draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan.

Please note we wish to speak to our submission.

Kerry Hapuku and Bob McMurdo

Council - Public - Coopers Creek Future Tenure Agreement and Annual Licence Fee Calculation (A5538350)

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28 February 2024

Refer Janese Priergaard-Petersen

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For Michael Morris
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Dear Michael

COOPERS CREEK, SANDY POINT
OUR REFERENCE: 099000-1082

1. Thank you for your email dated 16 January 2024. Council has asked whether it is possible for part of the Sandy Point Recreation Reserve to be reclassified to permit private residences in the form of the Coopers Creek cribs. If so, Council would then manage the cribs by way of leases with crib owners.
2. Under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977, a reserve must be classified in accordance with one of the purposes set out in sections 17-23 of the Reserves Act 1977. The categories are recreation, historic, scenic, nature, scientific, government purpose, and local purpose. Coopers Creek is located in the Sandy Point Domain, which is classified as a recreation reserve. If the area containing the Coopers Creek cribs was to be reclassified from a recreation reserve, the only other category that would be a potential option is the "local purpose" category.
3. Section 23 of the Reserves Act provides that a local purpose reserve may be classified as such "for the purpose of providing and retaining areas for such local purpose or purposes as are specified in any classification of the reserve".
4. The Act does not specifically restrict the types of local purpose. However, in general they should be consistent with the general purposes of the Act, not duplicate any of the primary purposes in sections 17-21 and allow flexibility of community use as far as possible. The general purposes of the Reserves Act are set out in Section 3 and can be summarised as providing for and ensuring, first, preservation and management of certain areas for the benefit and enjoyment of the public; second, survival of all indigenous flora and fauna and the preservation of representative samples of all classes of natural ecosystems and landscape; and, third, preservation of access for the public along the seacoast and preserving the natural character of the coast from unnecessary subdivision and development¹.
5. Usually, a local purpose reserve would be limited to the following types of purpose: Aerodrome, environmental and landscape protection, cemetery, community buildings, esplanade, health, museum,

¹ Rangitoto Island Bach Community Association Incorporated v The Director General of Conservation[2006] NZRMA 376

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plantation, public hall, public utility, soil conservation or river control. The common factor of all of these purposes are that there is a public benefit to the intended use.

6. I note that Council's draft General Policies Reserves Management Plan 2023 sets out objectives in regard to occupation agreements for reserves as follows:
 - To grant, where appropriate, occupation agreements that are consistent with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.
 - To permit occupation arrangements that align with the objectives of the relevant reserve management plan, Council strategies, policies and bylaws.
 - To balance the retention of open space with appropriate use and occupation of the reserve.
 - To ensure public accountability of reserve management.
 - To ensure adequate remedy or mitigation of any adverse effects on reserve values caused by leases, licences, easements or other occupation agreements.
 - To ensure that all costs associated with the development and implementation of occupation agreements are the responsibility of the applicant.
 - To require compensation for temporary or permanent effects on reserve values caused by rights of way, easements, network utilities and similar forms of occupation agreement.
7. In the case of the Coopers Creek cribs, it is difficult to argue that there is a public benefit element to the provision of private residences on reserve land.
8. There is a statutory prohibition upon using a reserve for permanent or temporary personal accommodation without the Minister's approval contained in Section 44(1) of the Reserves Act. There are exceptions to this prohibition to allow personal accommodation of buildings set aside for such activities as ranger's residences, DOC camping grounds, huts, cabins and shelters or lodges. Section 44(1)(e) provides a further exception for areas defined on management plans prepared under section 41 and for the time being enforced. This exception would mean that, if the Sandy Point management plan was amended to allow for the Coopers Creek cribs then that would be permissible under Section 44. However, making such a change to the Sandy Point management plan would be a complete U-turn in Council's approach to the Coopers Creek cribs since they have been classified as non-conforming since at least 1989.
9. Homeowners' rights of occupation of a Crown reserve were considered by the High Court in *The Rangitoto Island Bach Community Association Incorporated v The Director General of Conservation*². Harrison J reinforced that the thrust of the Reserves Act is plainly against allowing rights of occupation of reserve land for the purposes of permanent accommodation. In that case, bach owners on recreation reserve land on Rangitoto Island were successful in preventing eviction from their baches. However, in that case the baches themselves had been deemed to be of historic significance and located within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park (subject to the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000). We consider that this case is distinguishable from the Coopers Creek crib situation at present.
10. In our view, in order to reclassify part of the Sandy Point Recreation Reserve to a local purpose reserve to enable leases to be entered into with the crib owners will require Council to establish that there is a tangible community benefit and/or cultural or historical benefit from the private use of the Coopers Creek cribs. As suggested by Chris Bowen, Council's Open Spaces and Recreation Strategic Advisor, a public engagement process regarding the Coopers Creek cribs would be required to understand the level of support and whether the retention of the cribs has value to the community that aligns with the purposes of the Reserves Act.

² [2006] NZRMA 376

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11. If Council is satisfied that there is an element of community benefit to the Coopers Creek cribs, the process for changing the purpose of part of the reserve is contained in section 24(1)(b) of the Reserves Act.
12. In order to initiate the process under the above section, a full Council resolution in support of the proposal would be required. Surveyors would need to be engaged to formally identify the boundaries of the area to be reclassified. The Minister of Conservation would need to be notified and the Minister has the discretion to decide whether to change the classification. If the Minister agrees with the proposal, public notice will need to be given by Council and any objections will need to be considered. Iwi consultation will also be required as part of the process.
13. If Council wishes to pursue the matter, it may be worthwhile engaging with DOC as to whether such a reclassification would be likely to be approved.
14. If reclassified as a local purpose reserve, leases may be entered into with crib owners in accordance with the provisions of Section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977. In this case, because the leases with crib owners are not for any of the purposes referred to Section 61(2A), the leases would need to be entered into pursuant to Section 8 of the Public Bodies Leases Act 1969. This section permits leases to be entered into by private contract for a term of less than 5 years. Any lease for a term longer than 5 years would need to be offered by way of public auction or public tender and requires public notice to be given.
15. Leases for terms of less than 35 years will not trigger the subdivision provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991.
16. There remains the issue of part of crib sites 1 and 24 being located within the boundaries of unformed legal roads, as mentioned in my letter to Council dated 6 April 2023. Council cannot grant leases over these areas but can issue licences.
17. In conclusion, it may be possible for Council to pursue a change of classification of the Sandy Point recreation reserve in respect of the area containing the Coopers Creek cribs. However, such a change would require evidence of demonstrable public benefit and would be subject to the discretion of the Minister of Conservation. There would need to be a considerable amount of work undertaken in order to determine the feasibility of the proposal and likely costs (although the proposal would, in theory, be less complex than the freeholding proposal previously considered).
18. Please let us know if you have any queries or would like to discuss the matter further.

Yours faithfully
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Developing a masterplan for Sandy Point Domain

Early engagement – information gathering stage

Key Stakeholders Workshop

2 – 4.30pm 30 June 2022

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Workshop purpose

- Brief you on the Sandy Point Domain project, its aims and drivers and our proposed engagement approach
- Work together to collectively:
 - review project tasks, milestones and engagement
 - share information
 - scope issues, risks and priorities
 - consider cultural, social, economic and environmental opportunities,
- We want to understand your areas of interest and aspirations for the future of Sandy Point Domain over next 30-50 years
- The workshop is vital to help us plan our work over the next six months – what would success look like for you?



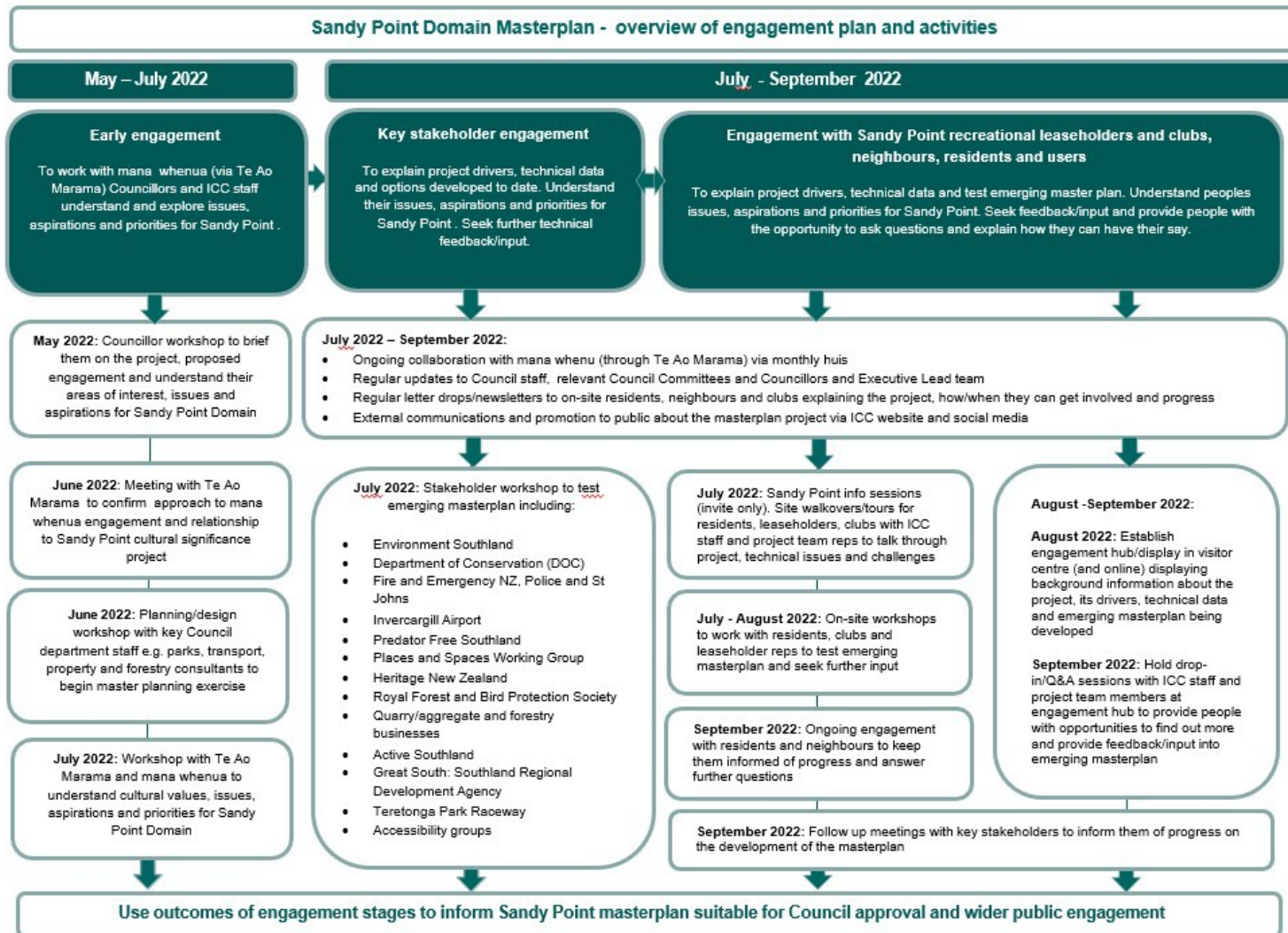
Agenda for this afternoon

Workshop activity	Timing
Welcome and introductions	2.00pm
Presentation on the project and scope	2.15pm
Group questions and discussion	2.45pm
Afternoon Tea	3.15pm
Break out group discussion	3.30 – 4.30pm
Closing	4.30pm



Purpose of the masterplan

- The purpose of the Sandy Point Domain masterplan project is come up with a long term plan to help address these challenges
- It will establish a long-term plan (30-50 years) for future park use, asset renewal and development, and help guide future funding decisions
- A range of technical and background information will be collated and reviewed to help form the basis of masterplanning decisions
- Engagement activities are an important part of this suite of technical and supporting information that will be used to shape the masterplan
- This workshop is the first stage of our engagement activities on the project





Sandy Point Domain

- Sandy Point is highly valued by the local community and visitors to the city of Invercargill
- Provides a wide range of recreation, sport, and adventure activities and is 'home' to many sporting and recreational clubs as well as forestry and other commercial activities
- It has significant cultural, biodiversity, historic and amenity and values
- Facing some challenges including:
 - remaining relevant to future population and recreational trends
 - quality and appropriateness of existing assets, facilities and land uses
 - potential impact of climate change and sea level rise on assets and infrastructure from inundation, coastal retreat and erosion



Project Area



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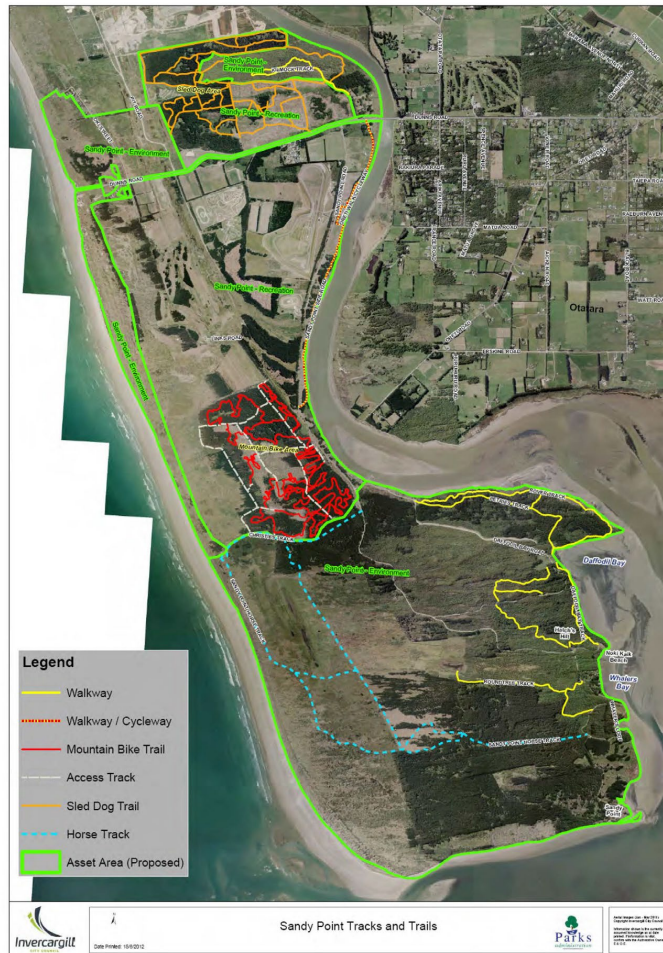
Leases and recreational users



- Over 20 recreational leases
- Variety of other uses and activities
- Private Holiday Park
- Raceway



Recreational facilities and assets



- Tracks and trails, lookouts, picnic areas
- Designated for dog exercise (where permitted)
- Playgrounds – Fosbender Park Playground and Water Ski Club
- Visitor centre and car parks



Reserve classification



- Recreation Reserve under Reserves Act 1977
- Sandy Point Domain Management Plan 2013
- Sandy Point Environment classification?
- Importance of Silver Lagoon



Areas of significant biodiversity

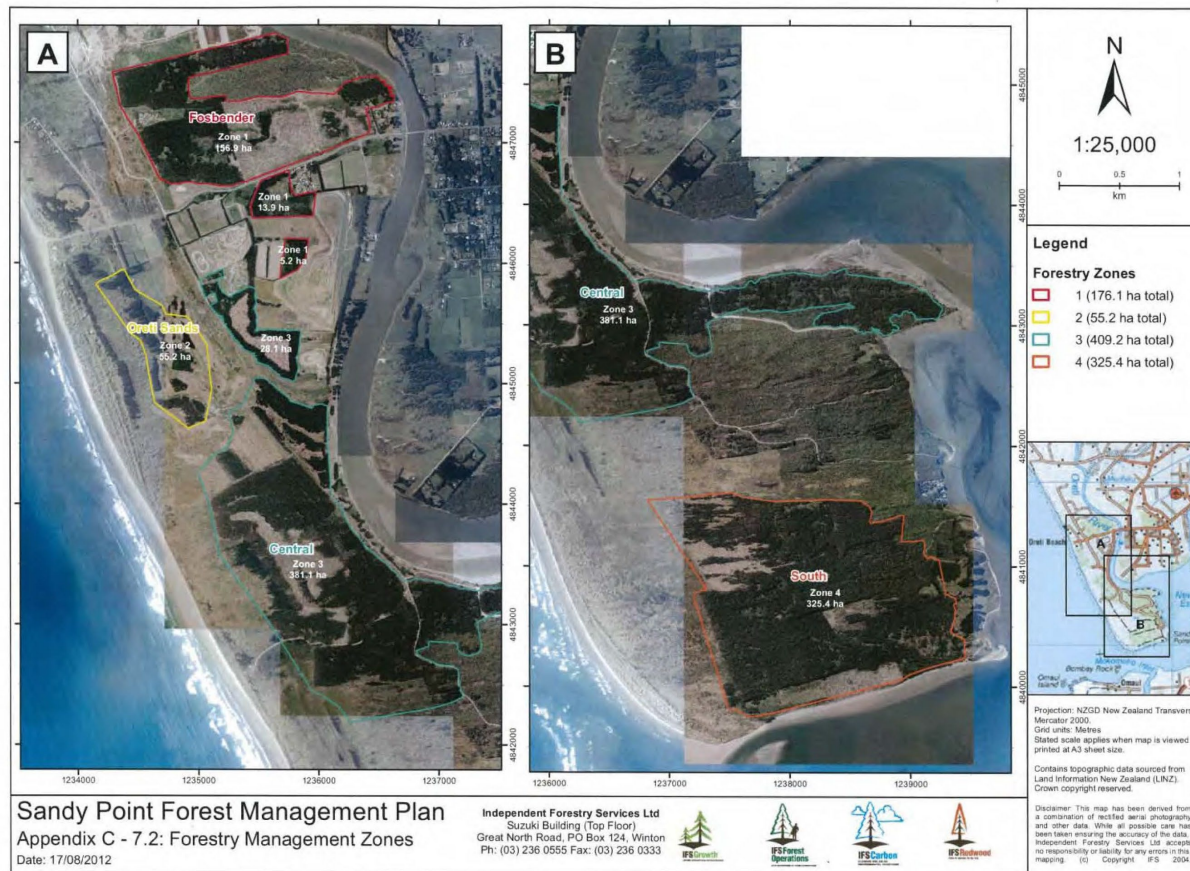




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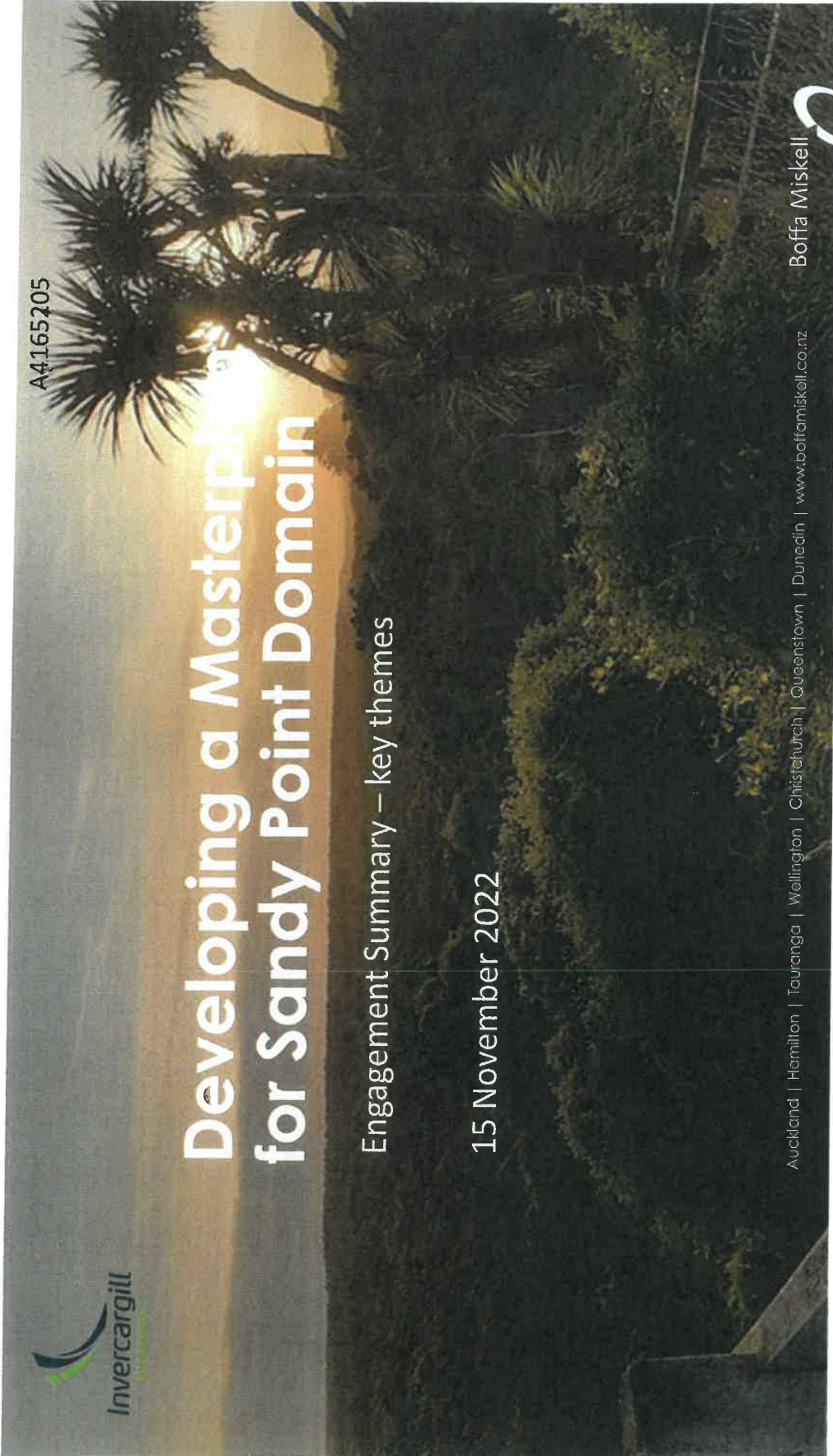
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Engagement Summary – key themes

15 November 2022

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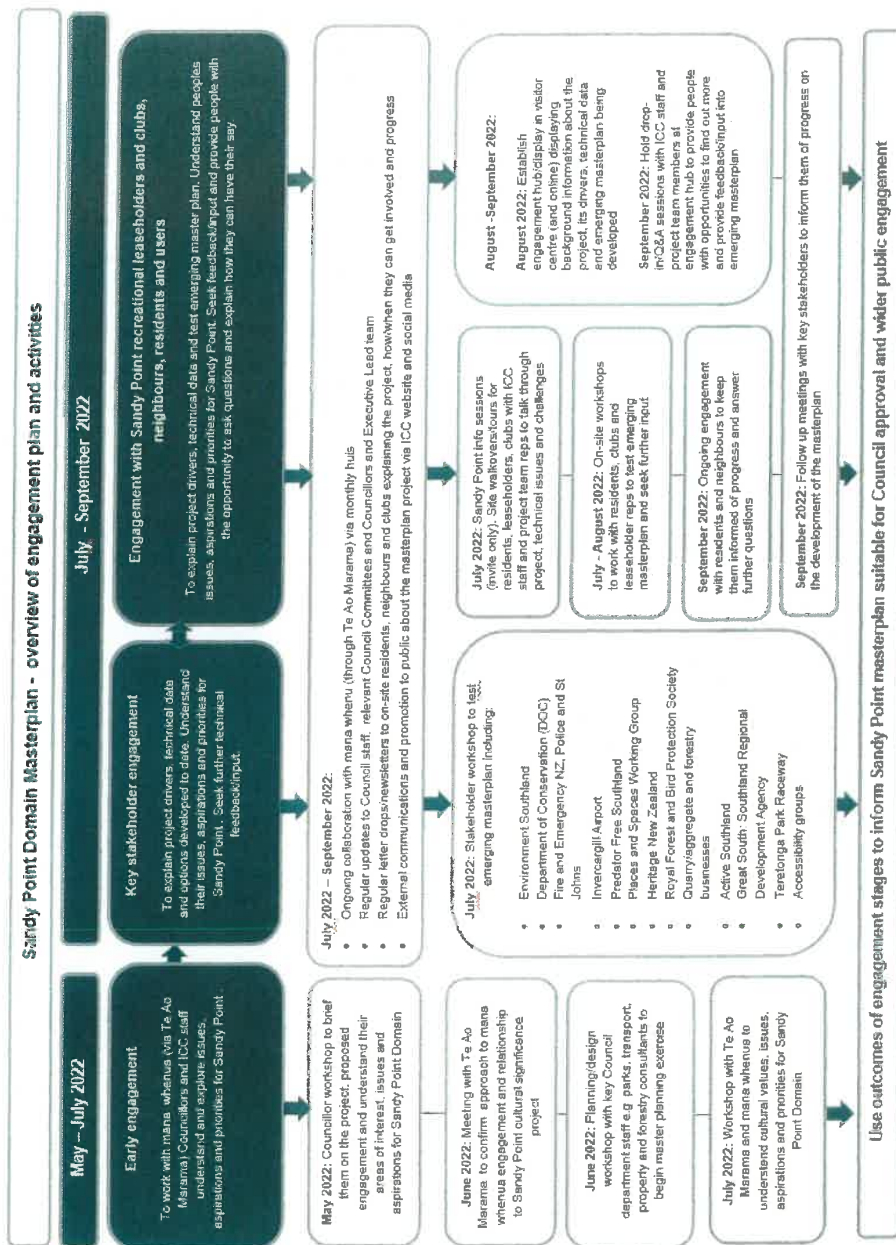
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Opportunities and challenges

- Provides a wide range of recreation, sport, and adventure activities and is 'home' to many sporting (including motor sports) and recreational clubs as well as forestry and other commercial activities
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Overview of engagement to date

- Early engagement with mana whenua and Te Ao Marama and key council staff
- A series of stakeholder workshops, including Councillors, and Coopers Creek crib owners, held May – September 2022
- Wider public feedback via survey and public drop-in sessions in September - October 2022
- Analysis of engagement feedback underway
- Summary and development of emerging themes as they relate to three key challenges:
 - remaining relevant to future population and recreational trends
 - quality and appropriateness of existing assets, facilities and land uses
 - potential impact of climate change and sea level rise on assets and infrastructure from inundation, coastal retreat and erosion
- Engagement has identified ongoing management, maintenance and 'governance' of Sandy Point as an additional challenge/opportunity for the masterplan.

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Engagement – emerging themes

Recreation trends feedback included:

- Sandy Point Domain and the recreation facilities and experiences it offers is highly valued by the local community and visitors to the city of Invercargill
- High level of emotional attachment to the place – nostalgic for what it used to be
- Keep it as a place for recreation and sport (including motor sport)
- Tracks are popular – walking and mountain biking
- Be more family friendly and easier for people to get to and around – visitor ‘centre’ people can go to when they first arrive at Sandy Point
- Majority of leaseholders / clubs are happy with the facilities they have
- Support for a recreation hub which all clubs can use
- Provide more destination facilities e.g., destination playground and other reasons for people to enjoy the space including outdoor events

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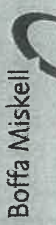




Engagement – Emerging Themes

Changing Land Uses **feedback included:**

- People don't think of Sandy Point as a Domain but more a series of places e.g. Daffodil Bay, Silver Lagoon, Coopers Creek, Fosbender
- Little value seen in the commercial forestry uses
- Future use of the former links golf course needs to be resolved – popular with dog walkers now
- Potential for much improved ecological outcomes including:
 - improved native biodiversity and plantings
 - indigenous species
 - pest species management
- Greater acknowledgement of historic and cultural aspects of Sandy Point needed





Engagement – Emerging Themes

Climate Change

- General concern regarding the potential impacts of climate change and associated sea level rise and coastal erosion
- Effects of flooding and erosion on facilities and assets including boat ramps and water ski club which can't be used
- Some skepticism regarding impact of climate change
- Silt build up in the Oreti River is a major concern – work with Environment Southland
- Quality of roads are impacted by flooding and rainfall
- Enhance areas of the domain least affected by sea level rise
- Consult with other Councils who are facing similar climate change issues

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Engagement – Emerging Themes

Site management, maintenance and 'governance'

- Sandy Point has a regional and national value – more could be made of this
- Looks tired and 'unloved' especially the buildings
- Support for bringing back the Ranger
- Concern regarding anti-social behaviour and general safety and access to emergency services for those using Sandy Point
- Lack of mobile phone reception is an issue
- No sense of a plan for the future of Sandy Point – a piecemeal planning approach
- Consider setting up a cross agency and mana whenua governance group for the Domain and surrounds
- Include reps from key stakeholder groups inc clubs – improve communication to avoid duplication of effort

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Identifier **SL1A/849**

Land Registration District **Southland**

Date Issued 23 June 1971

Prior References

SL199/96

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Legal Description	Section 3 Block XXIII New River Hundred
Purpose	Recreation reserve

Registered Owners

The Invercargill City Council

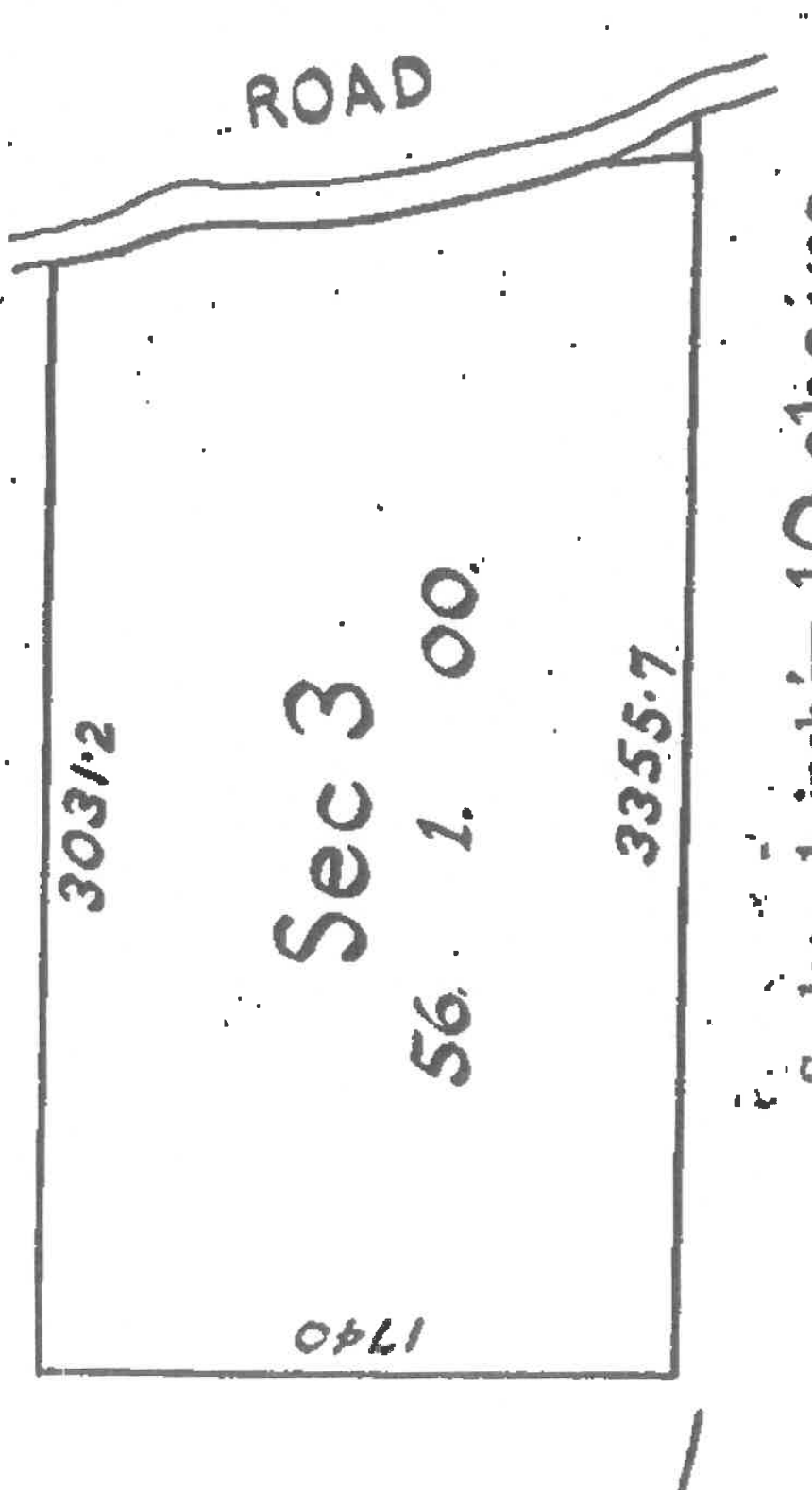
Interests

Subject to the Reserves Act 1977

8766293.2 Notice pursuant to Section 195(2) Climate Change Response Act 2002 - - 17.5.2011 at 7:00 am

Identifier

SL1A/849





28 January 2024

Invercargill City Council
Private Bag 90104
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Attn: Parks and Reserves Department

SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT SANDY POINT DOMAIN MASTERPLAN AUGUST 2023

A number of Coopers Creek residents attended a Key Stakeholders Workshop with Boffa Miskell in relation to the development of a Masterplan for the Sandy Point Domain on 30 June 2022. What concerned us at the time was that the 17 page Agenda document presented to us at the start of the Workshop had 5 x pages of A4 photos of the Oreti River in the vicinity of the Waihopai Rowing Club (taken in 2016 and 2022) on a high spring tide (refer Attachment 1).

The Workshop focused heavily on the potential of climate change, sea level rise and coastal retreat and erosion. The Boffa Miskell representative continually mentioned flooding and inundation of the Sandy Point Road and used the rowing club as alleged evidence. We explained to the representative that in all the years that the residents had lived out there (in excess of 50 in some instances) the river had never crossed the road.

The Workshop did not address the significance of the historical village of Coopers Creek and the integral position we hold in the Sandy Point Domain. In fact the words Coopers Creek do not appear in the document at all. It is interesting to note that on page 15 there is a bullet point stating "*Importance of Silver Lagoon*". The public track to the Silver Lagoon is positioned opposite the village of Coopers Creek.

In order to receive an independent appraisal (ie someone outside of the Coopers Creek residents) I forwarded the Workshop Agenda document to a very experienced engineer and his response was as follows:

My observations on a quick first pass of the "Key Stakeholders Workshop - 30 June 2022" document:

- 1. Presumably the Coopers Creek residents fall into the "residents and neighbours" definition.*
- 2. However Coopers Creek residents are not considered "key stakeholders" as you are not listed as such in the report.*
- 3. Seems to be absolutely no reference to Cooper Creek and its residents in the whole report including figures/maps!*
- 4. I would this snub to be offensive.*
- 5. At the risk of being seen as culturally insensitive the ICC is going to significant lengths to formally consult and update the local mana whenua at all stages but fails to even formally acknowledge the existence let alone rights or interests of the Coopers Creek residents.*
- 6. Formally it seems you get consulted at the September "Drop In" - bit late in the process! - seems to be a fate accompli approach, in other words we have consulted and here is the outcome, like or lump it, too bad.*
- 7. Without encouraging paranoia it seems the current parks staff are continuing the perceived vendetta (by me from the stories I have heard over the years) commenced by the "old guard" ICC Parks management many years ago to get the residents of Coopers Creek to pack and leave permanently.*
- 8. If that's their position and objective why don't they have the gumption to actually come out and say so.*

9. *Why the photos of the floods - being used to push the sea level rise issue? (which I believe is real in the long term +100 years). However photos of floods which have occurred over the past eons (millions of years) is not evidence of sea level rise due to global warming, floods are how Sandy Point and in fact the whole Southland plain came into existence.*

We concur with the above comments.

In an Agenda document presented to the Community Wellbeing Committee dated 15 November 2022 (refer Attachment 2) by Boffa Miskell on page 30 there is yet again focus placed on climate change, sea level rise and coastal erosion. The Coopers Creek residents did not present general concerns regarding the above and we relate more closely to the bullet point stating:

"Some skepticism regarding impact of climate change".

Bullet point 5 states:

"Quality of roads are impacted by flooding and rainfall".

As previously stated the Coopers Creek residents have not seen any evidence of flooding on the Sandy Point Road. Heavy rainfall can affect the gravel roads but that is because they are not maintained to a suitable standard and in places are literally sand. In fact heavy rainfall can affect any road as the recent tragedy on Queens Drive is evidence of.

One of the concerns the Coopers Creek residents did raise is the amount of silt build up in the river which has worsened over the years. This has also contributed to the partial erosion of the bank beside the playground. What is not acceptable is that nothing has been done to mitigate the erosion in this area which could be rectified with a truck load of rocks.

The Coopers Creek residents were under the impression from the outset that the 10, 25 and 50 year Masterplan was a statutory/mandatory requirement. It wasn't until the end of the meeting that Boffa Miskell held with the residents from 6-8pm on 24 July 2023 to present the draft Masterplan (dated August 2023) that we were informed that it was a "vision" and was not a statutory or mandatory process at all.

The same draft Sandy Point Domain Masterplan (dated August 2023) prepared by Boffa Miskell was presented to the ICC Community Wellbeing Committee on Tuesday 12 September 2023. Three of the Coopers Creek residents (namely Kerry Hapuku, Brian McDonagh and Kath McDonagh) attended that meeting in person.

In the 8 page report titled Sandy Point Domain Masterplan and Management Plan created by Caroline Rain and Chris Bowen (approved 5 September 2023), which was attached to the Boffa Miskell Masterplan document, the Masterplan and Management Plans are described as follows:

What is a Masterplan?

"Masterplanning creates a 'big picture' vision to meet future needs with a community or local landscape. It is a long-term, conceptual design plan for future park uses. The scope is intended to now feed down to inform the management plan, which will include objectives and policies over the next ten years".¹

¹ Page 29 Sandy Point Masterplan Summary Report dated 5 September 2023

What is a Management Plan?

"Council is required under the Reserves Act 1977 to prepare management plans on the reserves it manages. Management plans contain policies on the longer-term maintenance and development of the reserves".²

Chris Bowen, Caroline Rain and Cassandra Horton presented the Masterplan to the Wellbeing Committee and after viewing the livestream at the 55:40 min stage Grant Dermody asks the question: *"The road closure down the side of the river what's the thinking there?"*. Part of Chris Bowen's reply states: *"So at the moment we are seeing lots of inundation in that location"*. Where is the evidence to support this statement? It is simply untrue.

Several councillors asked specific questions relating to the residents at Coopers Creek and why their position was not addressed in the Masterplan. The general response from Parks was that Coopers Creek will be covered in the Management Plan. This is alarming for the Coopers Creek residents as we have been told from the outset that the Management Plan (requirement) will be drawn down from the Masterplan (vision) and will be completely different than the 3 previous Management Plans (covering a span of 32 years ie 1991 to 2023) that have been produced for the area.

The lack of acknowledgement of Coopers Creek in the Masterplan is an insult to the residents.

It is obvious to the residents of Coopers Creek that the Parks Dept, and Boffa Miskell by default, have purposefully excluded us from the Masterplan so that the Masterplan gains acceptance and approval from the full Council before the Management Plan is issued and their true position regarding us is revealed. That is why we do not want the Masterplan in it's current state accepted or adopted.

Adding to our concerns is the fact that the maps and diagrams (which are incredibly difficult to decipher and lack legends on each page) show a gravel road leading to Coopers Creek up until the 25-50 year plan and then it is described as a "Managed Access Road" (refer pages 11 and 12 (Agenda pages 122 and 123) of the draft Masterplan). Tom Campbell queried the same access to Oreti Beach at the 12 September 2023 meeting and asked if this was an euphemism for closure. If managed access is to be handled the way the closure of the picnic areas surrounding the Domain over the past few years has been it will definitely mean no access at all.

This so called "Managed Access" doesn't just affect the residents at Coopers Creek but all of the public who use the road to access Whalers Bay and the back beach for fishing and recreation use.

In the 7 page Sandy Point Masterplan report (dated 5 December 2022) that Caroline Rain presented to the Community Wellbeing Committee on 13 December 2022 on page 5 it states:

'It is possible that there will be changes to access and the use of the reserve which could impact the rights and freedoms of residents and importantly those Stakeholders with leases and a licence to occupy will need to have documentation changed as a consequence'.

The residences at Coopers Creek were initially on year to year leases with a clause in those leases that stated that the annual rental shall be increased by the same percentage as the increase in rates struck by the Invercargill City Council. These leases were not renewed annually. Over the years, as residences change hands, the leases have been eliminated and downgraded to restrictive and prohibitive year to year Licence to Occupy Agreements. These agreements have also not been renewed annually. It is important to

² Page 30 Sandy Point Masterplan Summary Report dated 5 September 2023

note that no consultation took place with residents regarding the change from lease to licence to occupy and any other changes that have occurred to either of these documents over the years.

There are currently 17 dwellings at Coopers Creek and 10 of them (60%) are permanent residences. These are people's homes and in most cases their only assets. The current position we are in, with no defined future, has rendered our places worthless.

There were constant delays in delivering the draft Masterplan due to the fact that the Parks Department were awaiting LiDAR data. Coopers Creek residents are of the opinion that the Parks Dept believed that this data would show significant sea level rise which was not the case. These delays added extra costs to the tune of \$18,000 to the process ratepayer. That is in addition to Boffa Miskell's costs.

European inhabitants have existed in the vicinity of Coopers Creek for at least 188 years and Maori resided there well before that time (refer Appendix 1 for further history).

In 1929 the Oreti River Bridge was opened and shortly thereafter the ICC surveyed sections at Sandy Point Domain (Coopers Creek) and Oreti Beach and cribs have existed there since that time.

In 1992 the Sandy Point Domain was gazetted as a Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. The dwellings at Coopers Creek already existed before this time and the residents (key stakeholders) were not separately notified or consulted with on the change to reserve status. We do not understand how the ICC were able to change the status with people already living there. The Coopers Creek site sits on a 22.7636 hectare area. The legal description is Section 3 Block XXIII New River Hundred (refer Attachment 3). The Coopers Creek properties make up approximately 2 hectares of this area (refer Attachment 4). The remaining land is a commercial forestry block owned and operated by the ICC.

Despite the historical significance of the village of Coopers Creek our existence has not been acknowledged or recognised in the Masterplan despite inhabitants existing in the vicinity at least 20 years before Invercargill was populated.

Our village is well integrated into the surroundings and detailed as follows:

*The crib sites at Coopers Creek are well integrated into the surrounding landscape and are not visible from the road.*³

Despite the current 2013 10 Year Management Plan stating:

*"With the residence on site the Ranger provides security and is able to respond to emergencies within the Domain"*⁴

The Parks Department made the decision to remove the on site Ranger and dispose of the Ranger's house. This was done without any communication/consultation with the Coopers Creek residents. Since the removal of the Ranger and his house there has been a noticeable increase in vandalism and damage over the entire Domain.

The Coopers Creek residents are now the only ones offering on site security to the entire area. We consider ourselves kaitiaki (meaning (noun) trustee, minder, guard, custodian, guardian, caregiver, keeper, steward) of the land.

³ Page 49 2000 Sandy Point Domain Management Plan

⁴ Page 11 Sandy Point Domain Management Plan 2013

We have saved lives by putting out fires, reporting fires, rescuing stranded boaties, lost individuals and families. We have also towed vehicles from the estuary/beach thus avoiding environmental damage. We have reported events to the Police some of which have resulted in prosecutions ie stolen vehicles.

We are a unique Southland community and are similar to the coastal settlements of Omaui and Cosy Nook.

The only service that is provided by the Council to the residents at Coopers Creek is via the public road (ie it is not for the sole use of Coopers Creek to gain access to our residences).

Bob and I wish to speak to the submission on the draft Masterplan as it has not yet been accepted or adopted by a full Council.

SANDY POINT DOMAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN - STAGE 1 CONSULTATION

In regards to input into the 10 Year Sandy Point Domain Management Plan which will be drawn down from the draft Masterplan the Coopers Creek residents would like to see the following outcomes:

- Meaningful consultation with the residents as key stakeholders.
- Provision for the revocation of Reserve status from Coopers Creek to make us conforming under the 1977 Reserves Act. The ultimate aim is for each residence owner to hold a freehold title for their site.

Regards

Bob McMurdo and Kerry Hapuku on behalf of the following Coopers Creek residents/licence holders

Kath and Brian McDonagh
Margaret Sands and Tristan Dawson
Ted and Irene McCreath
Eric and Eleanor Evans
Wi-Richie and Nicola Tohiariki
Maurice and Carol McLeod
Bradley Diack
Roger Kennedy
Andrew and Lynda Christie
Len and Mary Diack
Katrina Ferns
Jan Moesman
Sylvia and Wayne McMurdo

APPENDIX 1 - BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Maori

The Maori history has, unfortunately, been very poorly documented and much of it can only be surmised.

For want of any archaeological evidence the length of Maori occupation on Sandy Point Domain can only be deduced. However, other areas from the Catlins southwards were occupied some 700-800 years ago and it is not unlikely that the Maori history of Sandy Point Domain extends over a similar period.⁵

On page 13 (Agenda page 48) there is information collated from the Ngai tahu Ka Huru Manu Atlas and Point 2 states:

"Murihiku Purchase Deed 1853

Occupational Reserve

This 172-acre reserve situated within the New River Estuary to the immediate south of Invercargill was set aside as part of the Murihiku Purchase 1853. In 1868 the Native Land Court sought to determine ownership, however the matter was adjourned. As a result a Crown Grant was not issued for Oue until 1883, following the enactment of the Murihiku Native Reserves Grants Act. In 1886 the Native Land Court investigated the title under the provisions of the Native Equitable Owners Act 1886, to determine all those who held a beneficial right to the reserve. However, due to the inferior quality of the reserve at Oue, replacement land was allocated at Longwood".

On page 25 (Agenda page 60) under the heading Site History it states:

"Sandy Point Domain has a storied history, both pre and post colonial settlement. While there is a considerable recorded history relating to Sandy Point, this is not illustrated with any significance within the domain.

From a Maori settlement named Oue, to Pakeha arrival and attempts at farming and agriculture, milling, whaling, a cooperage, and the production of illicit liquor, there are many storeis that cold be told about Sandy Point Domain's past.

Recognition and visibility of Ngai tahu in the landscape is an aspiration highlighted by Te Ao Marama and greater visibility of the domain's history would improve the experience at Sandy Point for visitors.

The First Europeans

The European history of Sandy Point Domain is very interesting and pre-dates that of Invercargill by quite a number of years. The first Europeans known to have visited or settle on Sandy Point were whalers.

In 1836 a shore whaling station was established at Sandy Point by Joss and Williams. This whaling station was said to have been in the vicinity of the Maori Village of Oue. A second whaling station was established,

⁵ Page 54 1991 Sandy Point Domain Management Plan - Part I

at Omaui, in the same year by Brown and Carter. In 1838 both stations were bought by the well-known Johnny Jones, who closed them down and removed the plant to Riverton.

At least one of the hands employed at Oue, namely Owen McShane, eventually took up land on Sandy Point. Henry McCoy is said to have settled at the Maori Kaika at Oue in 1841, while McShane settled in 1836 or thereabouts. Owen McShane, known as the "the Cooper" because of his trade, gained a notorious reputation because he distilled a kind of rum from the cabbage trees which were plentiful in the area.⁶

In 1889 Sandy Point became a Public Domain but our block (Section 3 Block XXIII), including the forestry block opposite Coopers Creek, was an exception.⁷

⁶ Pages 57 and 58 1991 Sandy Point Domain Management Plan - Part I

⁷ Page 211 NZ Gazette February 21 1889

Submission on the Draft 2025 Sandy Point Domain Management Plan

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31st January 2025

For conciseness, I will try to keep my comments ordered though several topics have overlapping themes so some repetition may occur.

I will summarise main points on the final page of this submission.

In this submission I will cover the following topics

1. Beautification and Low Mow
2. Road Network
3. Flooding, Erosion, and Climate Change
4. Coopers Creek
5. Firewood Permits
6. Forestry
7. New Sealed Road
8. Pest Control
9. Picnic Spots
10. Tracks and Signage
11. Onsite Ranger
12. Trust and Transparency

Beautification and Low Mow

The low mow policy may now have reverted back to what is referred to as 'low frequency mowing', per the Parks response to my submission on the topic, but the effect is the same as low mow. The infrequent maintenance schedule leads to:

Tinder dry road verges that create a fire hazard.

Increased blind corners on some parts of the road network.

An unkempt visual eyesore that gives the impression the area is uncared for.

I offer the following example of neglect.

This plaque commemorates the Maori chief Honekai, early European settler milestones, and the Mantell's arrival to negotiate the Murihiku Purchase.

The site is of historic importance to Southland.

The monument sits on a wide flat shelf that overlooks the bay, with views of Invercargill's southern suburbs across the estuary.

Presently, the immediate vicinity is overgrown with grass and weeds like periwinkle, tree limbs felled years ago have been left to rot right beside the monument, and the surrounding area is choking with self-seeding sycamore trees.

I would like to see the site restored to its former glory, better maintained, and included on planned signage telling the story of the area.



Road Network

Comments from my 2024 submission:

"The gravel roading network does not suffer from inundation, and provides the vital access required by the public who enjoy the various recreational opportunities present in the domain. The suggested closure of any part of the roading network is a complete non-starter and runs entirely counter to the purpose of the recreation reserve. Any review of the roading network should seek only to improve access throughout the domain."

Many other Stage One Consultation submitters expressed the same view.

The intent behind opening the southern end of the domain was to increase the recreational offering to the public. The unsealed gravel road was built in 1949.

The area was identified as a hidden gem, that other regions around the country would envy. Much was made of how fortunate Invercargill was to have such abundant recreation opportunities right on their doorstep.

The road was laid by the council, has been regularly maintained, and has been used by the public for 75 years.

2025 Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan takes a completely different approach and seeks to reduce and restrict access to the southern end of the domain. The relevant sections or policies are listed below

8.2.3.2 3. *"Restrict vehicle access from dawn until dusk at the southern end of Sandy Point Road where the legal road ends and gravel roads disperse at the intersection to Christies Track, Sandy Point Road and Daffodil Bay Road."*

Who does this serve and what 'problem' does it seek to solve?

The notion of closing roads or reducing access runs counter to the desires of many submitters who expressed a view on this point.

Access through the domain is vital to ensure all recreation opportunities can be enjoyed by the wider community.

The policy also contradicts the Plan's own commentary, from page 15, *"One side benefit from forestry is the upgrading of the Domain's roads...That will have to be paid for from forestry income and it will greatly benefit all users of the Domain."*

Other obvious questions include:

How would this be implemented? By installing a vandal-proof gate?

How would emergency services gain urgent access?

How would a ranger check everyone was out before locking the gate?

Are residents to be locked in every night? What about shift workers?

Why? I mean seriously, WHY?

The proposal to restrict access sounds like the solution to a problem the Parks Dept has yet to articulate.

The introduction of such a policy, in direct contradiction to the expressed desire of the public, leads to serious questions about the structure, purpose, relatability, and trustworthiness of local government.

8.2.1.2 2. *"As resources permit internal roads may be reduced."*

Parks have put themselves into a rather awkward position here.

It is unreasonable and frankly unacceptable for those who oversee the budget, to siphon funds from Sandy Point for use in other reserves, and then make the claim that roads at Sandy Point may need to be closed due to budget constraints.

Any revenue generated within the reserve should be spent on the maintenance and improvement of the reserve as the first priority.

5. "Council's intention is to prioritise non-motorised recreation in The Domain and Masterplan 2023 implementation may reduce or exclude vehicle use of some internal roads."

The 'reduce motorised vehicle access' policy is introduced in this management plan, absent of any rationale or justification. Such a wild deviation from the historic position should be accompanied by a detailed description of how such a policy was adopted by the department. The public should be afforded the opportunity to examine the reasoning driving such a change. Absent of this, the policy, intent, and internal objective should be removed.

It speaks volumes to me that the people charged with ensuring the public has access to desirable recreation opportunities, would seek to restrict or reduce existing uses.

It is clear there is no feeling of budget constraint given the proposal of two high cost 'nice to have' projects. So we must ask, what is the real driver here?

Flooding, Erosion, and Climate Change

I will address this issue in distinct points.

Modelling

While modelling for future climate change impacts has some importance, such modelling should be tempered by commonsense and acknowledge the evidence of past events. An example of how modelling and conjecture can result in erroneous conclusions is highlighted below.

Per the 2019 District Plan, the eastern coastline from Coopers Creek, south to Oue Point, is highlighted as 'coastline most prone to erosion'.

The coastline directly adjacent to the Coopers Creek village can be easily demonstrated as not prone to coastal erosion by the simple comparison of aerial photography from circa 1950 to that of aerial photography from 2023. When overlaid, this comparison demonstrates unequivocally that the coastline has not moved in 70 years. The coastline further south, from Whalers Bay, has indeed seen some ingress, while nearer the point the coastline has been gently reshaped.

The above highlights the importance of checking the accuracy of facts presented.

In this plan, climate change models are used to rationalise the expense of creating a new access road, the closure of others, and the movement of clubs etc.

Road closures and inundation risk.

To date, no access road on the domain has been inundated by a flooding or tide event. Environment Southland's records and photography confirm that the three highest peak river flows ever recorded have not resulted in inundation of the road, nor has the river broken its bank with significant long-term impact.

Contrary to the commentary in the draft plan, the domain is well placed to not be impacted by a heavy rain or flooding event as it sits at the low end of the Oreti River mouth which empties into the tidal estuary. The geology above the water table is mainly well-draining gravel and sand, so flooding events up-stream have historically had very little impact when floodwaters reach the domain.

Absent in this Management Plan is any mention of the role that vertical land uplift has on the overall resilience of the domain when facing flood or climate change events. The Master Plan does mention vertical land movement and confirms Sandy Point is an area that is uplifting.

The following is an extract from Page 31 of the Master Plan.

“The effects of vertical land movement at Sandy Point Domain (between 0.470 - 1.627mm/year) counter the effects of mean sea-level rise. This means the potential impacts at the domain in 2040 are projected to be less severe than other Invercargill locations.”

LiDAR information tells several different stories, depending on how you choose to model the data.



Fig 1 This monochrome example shows low-lying wetlands without discernible gradient.

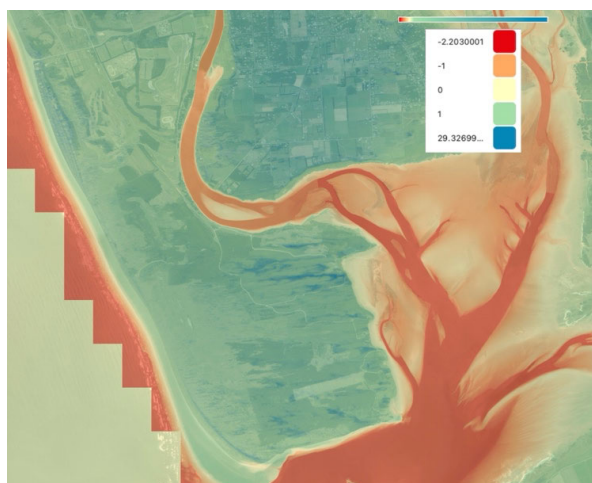


Fig 2 Shows the estuary channels, effectively, low tide. There does not appear to be low lying areas on land.

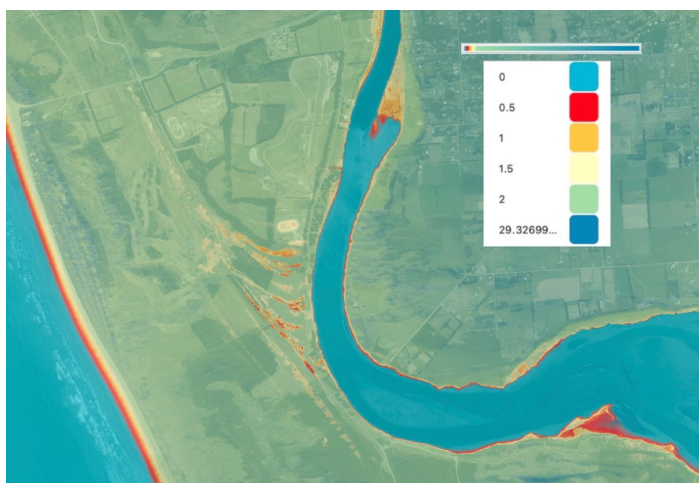


Fig 3 Shows low-lying wetlands and shows certain areas are more low-lying than others.

Coopers Creek

There is a storied history of conflicting ideals between residents and Parks staff. Three previous iterations of this management plan have shown a gradual trend toward speaking of the village in unfavourable terms. That trend continues in this 2025 draft, despite all the recent effort from Councillors to adopt a suitable position that acknowledges the historic importance and value of the village.

Page 51- 3.2.3.2 - Residential Sites - Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 5

“Within the boundaries of the Domain, there are two areas of residential buildings that have been identified as non-conforming in previous RMPs, according to the Recreation Reserve classification and the District Plan. These are located immediately to the south of Dunns Road at Ōreti Beach and at Cooper’s Creek on the eastern coast of the Domain.”

Parks staff have researched and confirmed with residents that the term non-conforming does not appear anywhere in the Reserves Act 1977, and confirmed it is not vernacular required by the Act to describe the situation as it relates to the management of the reserve. It is therefore a term that is used voluntarily by council, despite being a point of complaint and insult for the previous three decades.

In 1991, the Council agreed to come up with some term other than “non-conforming” to describe the settlement at Coopers Creek.

It is time this council made good on that agreement and resolved to use more appropriate language to describe the settlement.

Suggested phrasing “The residential areas present on the domain...outdate the reserve classification...and are permitted as a non-standard activity on the reserve.

“Generally, the Act does not permit private dwellings on land managed as reserve. There are some exceptions, for example staff housing. The Council has not defined any areas where permanent accommodation is permitted and none have been included in this or previous Reserve Management Plans for the Domain and Section 44 of the Act indicates that personal accommodation at the Domain is an unauthorised use of reserve.”

This entire paragraph is unnecessary to include as is it covered by the Act. The inclusion of such commentary only serves to present the view that residences are an unapproved and unwelcome use.

This is simply not the case. From creation of the village by Council in 1950, to the present day, every Council has approved of the continued existence of the village. In September 2024, after years of research and engagement between ICC staff and residents, ICC elected members voted unanimously to grant an extension to the existing lease for 35 years. I commend them for that decision.

I believe the above paragraph should be rewritten in its entirety to reflect the general feeling that the village is a welcome and much-loved asset on the domain.

“The original intention of permitting cribs in the Domain was that they were to be used as holiday or weekend homes. However, over the years, some buildings have been considerably upgraded past the modest crib and are now used as permanent places of residence.”

This is a cut-and-paste statement from previous management plans. It has been shown to be inaccurate, so it is confusing to see the Plan’s author(s) persist with this narrative.

In 1957 and again throughout the 60s, the original lease conditions stated the sites at Coopers Creek were for “holiday and residential use” and required buildings to meet the building code, with plans to be submitted and approved prior to construction.

I request this paragraph be removed entirely. If the paragraph is rewritten it should acknowledge the original intent of council to create permanent residency at Coopers Creek, and that the village pre-dates the Reserve status.

“The matter of having small groups of cribs situated in the heart of the Domain has been a longstanding issue and one that the Council has progressed with licence holders to determine how best to satisfy the the future tenure opportunities for licence holders and whether private accommodation in the Domain can be permitted or not. In addition to the Act, Part 4 – Occupation Policies of the Council’s General Policies RMP applies.”

The first sentence should be shortened by the removal of the words “and whether private accommodation in the Domain can be permitted or not.”

This matter has been settled.

Every previous management plan has acknowledged the ‘existing use rights’ of residents, and every plan has been approved by Council and the Minister. Again, elected members recently voted unanimously to extend the lease.

Speaking of ‘existing use rights’, why has that language been removed from this 2025 plan?

Firewood Permits

Regardless of future plans for commercial forestry at Sandy Point, there currently exists a resource that could be utilised to heat southland homes.

Trees can regularly be found blown over in areas of the domain that would be easily accessible via an unlocked gate. Provision has been made in previous versions of the management plan for the issue of permits to collect such wood though the bureaucratic steps required to obtain one has made that provision rather moot.

Much has been said to rationalise the denying of permits in recent years. From careless or unauthorised use of tools, to preventing confrontation between users/permit holders.

During the recent felling operations that cleared areas around Christies Track, and along the river south of Dunns Road, I was disappointed to see the grinch-like stance signposted, banning the simple collection of pinecones.

It is in the best interests of the reserve, the public, the Parks dept, and the Council, to publish suitable policy that fosters cooperation between public and council in this endeavour.

There is a public appetite for this resource, and simply locking gates and refusing permits does not assist those in need.

Alternatively, the ranger/arborist personnel who currently clear these fallen trees from paths and tracks, then leave them bucked up and left to rot, could transport the wood beyond the locked gates, and make the wood available to the public.

Forestry

The commercial forestry on the domain appears to be considered a blight that should eventually be phased out.

Early survey maps show the southern area of the domain, now conceptualised as an Eco-Park, was never covered in native bush as is claimed in the plan. Rather, there were several relatively small, yet significant, areas of native stretching inland from the eastern coast of the southern end of the domain. This demonstrates that on the main, the soil has not been suitable for native species for quite some time.

There is very little evidence that replanting in native species would result in established bush areas. The present native bush areas are largely confined to well sheltered areas. Establishing and nursing new areas of native bush will be extremely expensive, particularly considering the difficulty and success rate in keeping native trees alive past juvenile age.

Simply leaving the whole area to reestablish its 'natural state' will also not result in the desired outcome. This statement is evidenced by areas where this experiment has already taken place. Former forestry leasehold land, back in ICC control since 2016 has largely overgrown with broom and lupin, which outcompete native species, though are themselves outgrown by pine seedlings. This phenomenon can be readily witnessed within the Te ara Oue loop track, where large areas of pine have reestablished. These flat, wind exposed areas are simply and demonstrably not suitable for establishing native bush.

Given these challenges, and the extravagant cost of establishing large areas of native where there was none before, serious consideration must be given to what should be done with these forested areas. Small pockets of native could be nursed by the continued planting of pine for timber.

Unpalatable as it may be for some, the area and soil are very well suited to this species.

For 100 years, pine has been used to stabilise the soil, and indeed, much recognition should be given to pine for the positive effect it has had on regenerating the area.

The financial benefit to the reserve, and therefore the city should also be considered here. Commercial forestry provides a welcome financial return, which should be used for the ongoing improvement of the domain. Concerns around 'slash' can be addressed by better defining felling 'best practice' for the area. Mulched slash will greatly improve the soil quality.

Council should seek to strike a balance between the desire for native species, and commonsense spending of ratepayer money.

New Sealed Road

The rationale behind the proposal to create a new sealed access route has been difficult to comprehend.

When considering the proposed route for this new road it becomes evident that such an undertaking faces some costly challenges.

The route itself is lower than the existing road. Conversation with the Parks planner confirmed the road would need to be raised significantly, and culverts constructed to allow water to flow from one side of the elevated road to the other. The expense to achieve one of these, let alone both would no doubt exceed any benefit.

The route travels through the old gravel pits which have gradually converted to wetland areas after extraction ceased. These wetlands would need to be disturbed to bring the road through to the Pit Road intersection.

This project is currently uncoded, per the implementation plan, and I respectfully suggest no further ratepayer money is expended to explore the option when the second road is unnecessary.

A reasonable alternative exists to future proof the domain.

The alternative

LiDAR data shows that most of the existing sealed road sits at a suitable elevation as to remain passable in the event a major flood breaches the riverbank. (See comments on Flooding and Erosion)

There is a relatively short, compared to the proposed new road, 1.7km stretch of road from Teretonga to the Pit Road intersection that could be raised to sit above the risk height. The cost to raise this section of the road would quite obviously be less than that of building a new stretch of road that requires elevating over a much longer distance.

The project could be easily traffic managed.

There is a gravel road running parallel along this same stretch of sealed road, adjacent to the river, that could temporarily be used as the main throughfare. Without traffic on the main road the project could be completed faster and with significantly lower cost.

The LiDAR/aerial photography image on the next page shows the route of the existing Sandy Point Road, and the proposed new route along Pit Road through the wetland area.



Pest Control

Recent pest control efforts are applauded.

There is still work to do, and I would like to see efforts to involve and educate members of the public in this endeavour.

It would have been pleasing to see up-to-date information on pest numbers instead of detail copy-and-pasted from decades ago.

Feral cats are a huge threat to birds, and despite the benefit of keeping stoat and rabbit numbers down, we should seek to eradicate them from the domain

A thorough, fully costed pest control program should be a top priority for this 10-year plan cycle.

Picnic Spots

Years ago, when charcoal BBQs were the norm, council built 14 concrete platforms and ensured areas like Daffodil Bay and Whalers Bay were regularly mowed to present a ready and welcome environment in which families and groups could enjoy a spontaneous fun evening in the sun.

I remember such outings from my youth, when gates were open and groups of all sizes could drive up to a spot, set up the BBQ, create a makeshift cricket pitch or hoist a volleyball net, and have endless hours of fun together. You could have kids kicking a ball as far as they'd like and never have to worry about traffic when they ran to retrieve it.

The contrast with today is stark.

Gates are permanently locked, and Whalers Bay has been almost entirely planted out in native shrub, without public consent.

The remaining grass area, and the entire expanse of Daffodil Bay are rarely mowed. When they are mowed, they are not mowed short, or regularly enough to create a soft turf suitable for picnicking on.

Rumour has it that you can book the gate to be unlocked, but where's the spontaneity in that? How does that speak to good old kiwi summer fun?

That these areas are barely usable in the manner I enjoy as a child, makes me sad for future generations.

I would like to see a return of the onsite ranger to facilitate open gates during daylight hours, and proper maintenance of sites to create inviting and functional areas for families to enjoy.

Tracks and Signage

The track network, particularly in the southern end of the domain is far more extensive than is shown on the maps used in this draft plan.

There are many tracks that were created by forestry and farm lease holders which are now used by the public. These tracks should all remain and continue to be maintained, least of all because they act as firebreaks.

Proper sign posting of these tracks is important for wayfinding, as are the decisions around separating tracks for the varied uses.

There has been suggestion that uses may be combined, placing horse riders, bikers, and dog walkers etc on the same tracks.

This proposal is unnecessary due to the vastness of the area and extent of the track network, and quite dangerous given some of these activities are quite incompatible with others.

Signage should be placed at every intersection to guide users and should also signify which type of activity is allowed on each track.

It should be noted that while there has been a huge number of submissions from riders wishing to keep tracks separate from other users, which I support, the riders themselves are not without blame when it comes to some of their expressed concerns.

Many times in the last few years I have either come across or seen evidence of horse riders using tracks that are not mapped as horse routes, or are specifically signposted as 'No Horses' tracks.

Because of the danger posed to all users, updating track signage should be undertaken as an immediate 'quick win' priority.

Onsite Ranger

It is disheartening to see no mention of returning to a 24/7 Ranger presence on the domain.

Invercargill has approximately 3000 hectares of parks land to manage, 2,217 of those are within the Sandy Point Domain boundary. The area is vast. The range of activities, uses, and ecological value cannot be overstated.

The area is worthy of active onsite guardianship.

An uptick in antisocial behaviour and vandalism throughout the domain can be tracked back to the removal of the ranger presence. As someone with a long-term association with the domain the difference is quite noticeable.

Previous submissions from the public and commentary from elected members and mayor during formal council meetings, requesting that the ranger be returned to the domain have been ignored.

I considered the removal of the ranger unjustified, and the appearance of a lack of an attempt to implement a return is concerning.

Parks should listen to the public, and to elected members, and then make every effort to affect this outcome. Safety concerns around staff being exposed to threatening behaviour is a police matter and should be dealt with as a zero-tolerance policy.

Trust and Transparency

There are a few aspects of this plan that have been deeply troubling to me.

I am sure the overall intent seeks to create a fun, vibrant, and welcoming recreation hub for Invercargill, but I am concerned about the way some objectives seek to be accomplished.

1. Several of the policy statements seek approval to act fully autonomously, unconstrained by public consultation requirements, when making some major changes to the domain. E.g. (paraphrasing)
 - 'Some roads will be closed or upgraded as the budget allows'
 - 'Some areas will be identified and access restricted'

Both lack any specificity about which roads, or which areas. Closures should be considered a major change, and in each and every instance the public should be notified and given the opportunity to express their support or reject the idea.

2. I object to the use of the term Council to mean Parks and Recreation Department – Page 60, paragraph 2. There is a degree of psychological exploitation when using 'Council' to lend weight to the views of the parks department. Readers could be forgiven for having the impression that the 'unrelenting machinery of the elected Council' is behind any given policy or objective, when in actuality, it is merely the position of a singular internal department. Under the duress of such an impression fewer respondents are likely to push back against ideas they disagree with.

Intentional or otherwise, such a tactic can only lessen public trust that their view is important and valued.

The interest of conciseness could have been achieved by substituting 'Parks' to mean

3. There were MANY submissions that clearly expressed the view that roads should not be closed, nor access to areas of the domain reduced.

To see these submissions ignored, and to have closures and restrictions set as policy statements, without rationale or justification, is completely untenable.

Council staff work for, and in the interest of, the public. They are wholly paid by the ratepayer, and the ratepayer told them what they wanted to see in this regard. To ignore these submissions is to undermine the public trust in the institution.

Summary of key points

1. Increase scheduled mowing to beautify the area and remove hazards un-mowed areas create.
2. Restoration of the monument area is desirable.
3. Restricting or closing any part of the road network contradicts the recreation classification.
4. Improving the roads is desirable. Chip sealing the gravel roads would be ideal.
5. Create recreation opportunities, don't restrict them.
6. Climate change apprehension should be tempered by facts.
7. Climate change has not impacted roads and therefore does not justify closure.
8. "Projected impacts at the domain are projected to be less severe than other Invercargill locations."
9. Some term other than non-conforming should be used to describe the residential areas.
10. Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 on page 51 describe residential areas negatively and require a complete rewrite.
11. Please reinstate a suitable firewood permitting policy that is fit for purpose.
12. Commercial forestry is not only viable, but also the only realistic path forward if native bush is desired.
13. A second sealed access road make no sense given the poor route and cost to build.
14. If futureproofing became necessary, raise short sections of the existing road above the risk height.
15. Pest control is finally happening but needs to be ramped up to achieve eradication.
16. Historic picnic sites should be reopened and better maintained than in recent years.
17. The track network should be fully signposted and designated to specific users to avoid accidents.
18. Return the ranger house to the domain and reinstate onsite '24/7' coverage.
19. Parks Dept should not be given blanket approval to manage the area autonomously.
20. Any closure or restriction should be fully and transparently open for public submission.

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**Respondent No:** 2**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Dec 03, 2024 15:10:21 pm**Last Seen:** Dec 03, 2024 15:10:21 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Name	Ross Buxton
Q2. Contact Email	[REDACTED]
Q3. Post Code	9810
Q4. Phone	[REDACTED]
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Te Pirihahi a Rua Waka Ama Association (Te Tomairangi and Nga Hau e Wha marae)
<p>Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?</p> <p>The shelter provided on the west side of the river is important to us. Big trees help. We notice the inclusion of Waka Ama, however there are two active clubs here, "Supporting the growth and development of this by working with the club because it is an expression of cultural practices and reconnection Recreational Activities Currently Operating" the word club should be plural. There are other clubs.</p>	
<p>Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?</p> <p>In the long term we may well move to share the other waka clubs facilities but the Powerboat club have rooms that support us without us needing to develop the likes of toilets kitchens, security etc. "avoid duplication of effort" One of our principals Whanaungatanga is to encourage all ages to enjoy the waka experience</p>	
<p>Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</p> <p>We are connected to the Southland Power Boat club and have plans to develop shelter for our Waka next to or near their buildings. We recently lost our trailer and equipment storage at the Playdium and have parked our trailers near the Power Boat clubs, just up stream. Our equipment (paddles, skirts, bindings PFDs, repair materials) are currently in the powerboat changing rooms. The other club, Te Ara A Kiwa, have told us they will not initially have space for our Waka in their development of the old water ski club.</p>	


Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 31, 2024 21:09:02 pm

Last Seen: Dec 31, 2024 21:09:02 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Maree MacLennan
Q2. Contact Email	[REDACTED]
Q3. Post Code	9812
Q4. Phone	[REDACTED]
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Im writing on behalf off all horse riders
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
<p>All Id like to say is, Sandy point is one of the most unique great safe places to ride horses and Id like to think I can bring my grandkids in the future (as Id previously done with their parents)to enjoy a safe untouched area ,ralativley safe at the moment from wandering aggressive dogs off lead and idiots on motorbikes ripping up the tracks, just because they can. Sandy point would be one of the few areas that anyone from anywhere can just drive in and go for a wonderful ride amonst all the natural beauty. It wouldnt be the same if little kids have to dodge dog poop and fast cyclist to enjoy this area.</p>	
Q10.What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	
<p>I just hope Sandy point is still there in years to come for all to enjoy and not sits back and think it used to be a great peaceful place to go ,but not now!</p>	
Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	
<p>Ive probably written this in the wrong boxes, but Im sure yous will sort it. Thankyou</p>	



Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 02, 2025 20:55:27 pm

Last Seen: Jan 02, 2025 20:55:27 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Nicola Oldenhof
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9876
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
The management plan looks like a great draft including many recreation activities while replanting and developing the area to look after native flora and fauna. I love that the horse tracks are there as they are well loved, used, and a great way to peacefully enjoy the environment with a positive impact for riders and onlookers alike.	
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?	
Thank you for all the work put in so far!	

**Respondent No:** 7**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jan 02, 2025 21:44:06 pm**Last Seen:** Jan 02, 2025 21:44:06 pm**IP Address:** n/aQ1. **Name** Erin RuxtonQ2. **Contact Email**Q3. **Post Code** 9871Q4. **Phone**Q5. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?** NoQ6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** YesQ7. **Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?** NoQ8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** NoQ9. **What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?**

Combing the tracks with walkers and mountain bikers, is not a good idea. This will put riders at risk and there are plenty of other areas for these activities. Horse trekking only has one.

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


Please keep the horse riding areas as they are a vital part of the equestrian community.

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

As a horse rider, I really appreciate how lucky us horse riders are to be able to have an amazing area to ride at Sandy Point. My friends and I absolutely love getting out for a ride around the designated horse area. This is the one slice of local paradise that we have to be able to ride. Please don't take this away from us, walkers and runners have heaps of tracks and the same for mountain bikers. Horse riders have been using the horse area for years. It is a vital part of the equestrian community. It is starting to be ruined by motorbikes and people walking their dogs off leash on the horse tracks. It would be amazing if we can have our own horse track sign, with trail names and a map of where and how long. The carpark is horrible and bumpy... it would be amazing if this could be leveled. So many people use the horse tracks and come from out of town all over the show to use them.

**Respondent No:** 9**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jan 05, 2025 17:49:17 pm**Last Seen:** Jan 05, 2025 17:49:17 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Name	Natasha Holland
Q2. Contact Email	[REDACTED]
Q3. Post Code	9879
Q4. Phone	[REDACTED]
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No but part of the extensive network of horse riders that use the area.
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan? <p>Southland is very lucky to have a dedicated horse area at Sandy Point and we are the envy of many other regions who do not have a dedicated area. There is a large network of horse riders that regularly ride at Sandy Point and long may it continue. I hope the area will continue for years to come to have a place for horses and it's important that we have a space known for horses so riders continue to ride safely without the risk of motorbikes or cyclists scaring horses in the tracks. This area is highly regarded by many horse owners to ride and we are naturally very appreciative and lucky to have it.</p>	
Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan? <p>Horses do need a separate space for safety. If you consider mixing multiple people on horse areas the council will have to install education signs or hold meetings to educate people about how to approach horses eg don't ride close or fast beside them, keep out of potential kick zone and that in trails other users give way to the horses. In fact the more people use the area the more education is needed.</p>	
Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? <p>I'm not sure the council has a good understanding of the volume of horse riders that use the area as we're not affiliated under a club. Just hoping the council keeps the horse area in the mix as it plans for the future. It would be good if council had a park ranger based there as the dumped rubbish through sandy point is a real shame on the road verges and dumped in the bush. Also, people speeding in the roads needs to be curbed.</p>	



Respondent No: 10

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 05, 2025 17:59:44 pm

Last Seen: Jan 05, 2025 17:59:44 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Georgia Sharplin
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9801
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
I just want to say that I am a horse rider and regularly use the designated horse park and tracks available at Sandy Point. I love that this facility is a safe place for me to ride my horse and enjoy the Sandy Point area without being at risk from motorbikes or cars. I feel really lucky to be using this facility and hope that I can continue to use it in this way for years to come! Thanks!	
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?	
not answered	


Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 09, 2025 13:38:56 pm

Last Seen: Jan 09, 2025 13:38:56 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **Name** Bruce Halligan

Q2. **Contact Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **Post Code**

9812

Q4. **Phone**

[REDACTED]

Q5. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?** No

Q6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** Yes

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

Q8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** No

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


Generally looks good great to see the old golf course remaining available for dog walking this is regularly used by hundreds and a great place to give larger dogs in particular a good run round. I'd becoming more of a multi use area, may require some segregation to avoid conflicts eg dogs and frisbee golf

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

I think consideration should be given to closing this area at Dunns Road intersection at night to mitigate vandalism and antisocial behaviour . Access to residents and clubs could still be available via swipe card or similar . While there would be some initial cost it would rapidly be recouped in reduced damage . I have lost count over the years of the number of times I have gone out early on a Sunday morning to see broken glass on playgrounds , fields damaged etc.

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

It would be great to maintain the mature tree buffer on the west side of the MTB tracks it markedly reduces the blasting from the wind. Generally it would be great to emphasise more sheltered bush areas, invercargill really need these . Thanks for your consideration



Respondent No: 1

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Nov 21, 2024 11:50:30 am

Last Seen: Nov 21, 2024 11:50:30 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name

Julie Smellie

Q2. Contact Email

Q3. Post Code

9877

Q4. Phone

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

No

Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?

Yes

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

Yes

Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?

Yes, Foveaux Riding Club

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


You mention Enhance recreation. As a horse rider, for many years I have enjoyed safe riding tracks in sandy point domain. Would hate to have to share these tracks, for safety reasons with other activities such as dog walkers, motorbikes, push bikes.

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

The Eco Sanctuary area should include access for horse riding.

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

Signage would be helpful. Also, for safety purposes, increase the mobile network system in the area



Respondent No: 13

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 14, 2025 11:42:20 am

Last Seen: Jan 14, 2025 11:42:20 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Anne Melhuish
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9881
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	not answered
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
I would like to note that as a horse rider, I very much appreciate the horse riding tracks in the Domain. I feel that it is possible to 'share' horse tracks with mountain bike riders and walkers, but think the tracks should not have motorised vehicles on them.	
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?	
not answered	



Respondent No: 14

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 14, 2025 13:26:33 pm

Last Seen: Jan 14, 2025 13:26:33 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Stacey Jefcoate
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9876
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	not answered
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	Please keep our wonderful horse tracks as is, there is no other safe public spaces for my family to ride in Southland.
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?	not answered



Respondent No: 15

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 17, 2025 09:13:54 am

Last Seen: Jan 17, 2025 09:13:54 am

IP Address: n/a


Q1. Name	Mary winsloe
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9874
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Me and friends i
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	I enjoy using candy point, my daughter and my grant daughter as well for 30+years now.
Q10.What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	No dogs or motor bikes please
Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	It is so good to have some where to ride. Thank you.

	Respondent No: 16	Responded At: Jan 17, 2025 09:34:56 am
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: Jan 17, 2025 09:34:56 am
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a


Q1. Name	Elvena Hamilton
Q2. Contact Email	[REDACTED]
Q3. Post Code	9810
Q4. Phone	[REDACTED]
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Horse Riding
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
I think it is wonderfully the fabulous area is gioing to be looked after .	
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 77yrs old and ride my horse out there regularly and often asked to help with young horses it is such a wonderful aera and the only place we have to ride where as dogs - walkers -bikes ect have lots places please preserve our space to besafe from dogs and bikes thanks	

**Respondent No:** 17**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jan 24, 2025 17:33:48 pm**Last Seen:** Jan 24, 2025 17:33:48 pm**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Name	Lesley Treweek
Q2. Contact Email	[REDACTED]
Q3. Post Code	9810
Q4. Phone	[REDACTED]
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Flexible walking group
<p>Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?</p> <p>Please please please! Some measures are required to counter the behavior of idiots using the gravel roads at Sandy Point as a race circuit. A very recent brush with a would-be Possum Bourne who totally lost control in the gravel missing my car by a hairs breadth as he took a corner at speed left me shaken & thanking my lucky stars. Another driver might not be so fortunate</p>	
<p>Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?</p> <p>not answered</p>	
<p>Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</p> <p>As a spokesperson for many regular users of the Sandy Point area (walking, cycling, photography), we would like to see adequate provision made for removal of litter discarded by visitors to the area. It is not acceptable for environmentally conscious members of the public to have to regularly bag up bottles, cans, & assorted containers discarded anywhere offenders find convenient. Rubbish can be hazardous to wildlife and is a visual eyesore in an area of natural beauty.. A resident of Coopers Creek mentioned to me that this is a concern for them also. I have previously forwarded to Caroline Rain some examples of signage used by other councils throughout the country to mitigate the problem.</p>	

	Respondent No: 18	Responded At: Jan 24, 2025 17:51:59 pm
	Login: Anonymous	Last Seen: Jan 24, 2025 17:51:59 pm
	Email: n/a	IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Jill McCloy
Q2. Contact Email	[REDACTED]
Q3. Post Code	7958
Q4. Phone	[REDACTED]
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	not answered
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Foveaux Riders
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	That it's fine like it is
Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	Lots of people ride their horses there
Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	We cannot ride elsewhere in winter as it's too muddy



Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 24, 2025 21:56:18 pm

Last Seen: Jan 24, 2025 21:56:18 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Sharon Evans
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Q2. Contact Email	
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Q3. Post Code	9877
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Q4. Phone	
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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
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Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
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Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
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Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?


Sandy Point is a fantastic area that is a valuable asset and enjoyable feature of our region. I would like to see this remain.

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 use Sandy Point for walking my dogs at the old Links golf course. This is such a fantastic resource so hugely well utilized. I would really like to see this continue as is. I also use the horse trekking facilities very often. Again this is a place that is so well utilized and loved by many riders. I have been riding here for well over 20 years and would love to see this continue to be available for another 20+ years in its current form. I am concerned with the amount of motorbikes that are becoming more common and evident within these trails. Horses and trail bikes don't really mix and I feel there needs to be more done to ensure that the motorbikes are not permitted to access these areas.



Respondent No: 20
Login: Anonymous
Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 27, 2025 17:04:17 pm
Last Seen: Jan 27, 2025 17:04:17 pm
IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name

Keith McRobie on behalf of The Southland Conservation Board

Q2. Contact Email

Q3. Post Code

9710

Q4. Phone

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

No

Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?

Yes

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

Yes

Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?

No

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

The ICC Parks Planning team are to be commended for their ongoing community and Mana whenua engagement, and the strong focus on enhancing and protecting the native flora and fauna at Sandy Point. This site is Southlands largest Recreation Reserve and acts as a natural coastal buffer to Invercargill City. Active and Passive recreational use is encouraged, consolidated and defined zones established

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

The draft Implementation Plan has a defined list of achievable targets matched with realistic time-frames.

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

The tiered parks management process taken by ICC with the initial Masterplan, then Reserves Management Plan and Implementation Plan is really the model all other councils should follow.

**Respondent No:** 21**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jan 28, 2025 11:41:24 am**Last Seen:** Jan 28, 2025 11:41:24 am**IP Address:** n/aQ1. **Name** KATE BRIGGSQ2. **Contact Email**Q3. **Post Code** 9810Q4. **Phone**Q5. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?** NoQ6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** YesQ7. **Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?** NoQ8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** noQ9. **What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?**


As a weekly rider at the sandy point tracks, i see the importance of the tracks staying seperate too there choosen disapline, horse tracks to stay horse tracks, mountain bike tracks to stay mountain bike tracks, walking dog tracks too stay walking dog tracks only. Multi use tracks are dangerous. For example riding on sunday with my 8 year old neice , cantering along and 2 dogs came out of no where on the horse riding tracks, the couple walking them were miles away and had no horse sence, my neice fell off when her pony got a fright from these dogs running at her pony, it could have been alot more serious if the dogs decided too attack my neice laying on the ground or if the dogs though it was a good idea too chase or attack the pony, the owners not even being in sight. Multi use tracks are dangerous people who no nothing about horses letting dogs run at them . To a horse they are flight animals this is a sign that they are about too be attacked.

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

It would be so dangerous too have multi tracks they need to be for one chosen discipline only, as horse riders we have no where else in Southland to ride but at sandy point and it needs too be safe from dog walkers, mountain bikes and motor bikes. These horses are big powerful animals and alot of people have no clue how to behave around a horse, walking up behind them could cause someone to be kicked, a motor bike flying around the corner will result in the rider coming off there horse being seriously hurt, as in the same with mountain bikes.

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

Please keep these horse tracks to horse tracks only, they are unsafe with public on them that don't have any understanding of horses, unsafe to the public, the riders and the horses. We don't have anywhere else to ride in Southland, this is it for alot of riders!



Respondent No: 22

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 28, 2025 13:32:03 pm

Last Seen: Jan 28, 2025 13:32:03 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Joseph Roberts
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9810
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Southland Astronomical Society

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

The Southland Astronomical Society (SAS) has two main points to cover in our submission for the draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan (draft RMP). 1. To ensure Dark Skies consistent lighting, and 2. Improved site infrastructure. As the Invercargill City Council (ICC) know, the SAS are a non-profit charity aiming to facilitate recreation for like minded individuals, provide education for schools, groups and interested parties alike. Recently with the installation of two sky facing cameras the SAS also feeds into international science programs with aims of detecting meteors entering Earth's atmosphere. Due to our limited income the concerns mentioned above are the two items that the draft RMP deals with which have the most negative impacts on the SAS. We are encouraged to see the draft RMP has policies under several sections that deal with ensuring light pollution is kept to a minimum where possible and even directly mentions Dark Skies consistent lighting. Specific section examples being 8.2.2.2 (4), (3) and (4) (page 64), as well as 9.3.2 starting page 76. Regarding point 1 above; The SAS respects and understands the need to improve the accessibility of Sandy Point to Invercargill residents. With climate change impacting on coastlines and current access routes, the future the exploration of new roadways (related policies being 8.2.1.2, page 63), namely the potential extension of Pit Road is a great idea. Our concern with this is that roadway improvements may include new streetlights. While we do not want to see safety compromised, we implore the council to consider Dark Sky consistent lighting. While we understand Dark Skies consistent lighting features within policies of the draft RMP, we are concerned the ICC may wish to utilise similar street lighting to the rest of Invercargill, which would greatly impact the light pollution at Sandy Point. We also have this same concern, though to a lesser extent, with lighting of routes (policy 8.2.3.2 (1) page 64) and sports fields and racing areas. If implemented, overly bright lighting after dark at Sandy Point could have the consequence of ending SAS activities and therefore a society that has been in place since 1961. Meeting Dark Skies requirements and consistent lighting would also help the ICC achieve other parts of the draft RMP, specifically Section 8.3 (starting page 68). The council is seeking to Build Environmental Resilience through several means, native plantings, pest management, and water care among several points. Another way it can achieve this is by ensuring Dark Skies consistent lighting is used. Many recent studies are now showing the consequences of artificially bright areas interrupting night-time pollinators (important to many native flora and invertebrates), harmful to the breeding habits of many birds species and disrupts navigation of sea and migrating birds at night harming many at risk populations of native bird species. Giavi, S., Fontaine, C. & Knop, E. Impact of artificial light at night on diurnal plant-pollinator interactions. *Nat Commun* 12, 1690 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-22011-8> Effects-of-lights-on-seabirds-March-2017-extracts.pdf Senzaki, M., Barber, J.R., Phillips, J.N. et al. Sensory pollutants alter bird phenology and fitness across a continent. *Nature* 587, 605–609 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2903-7> Regarding point 2 above; The existing Oreti Sands Links Golf Club is a fantastic building because of its location, size, road access and flexibility. We are extremely happy with the room we lease as a store room. We have been working with the ICC to develop improvements to that building that would give us a large space that we could use as a classroom within that as well as increasing the overall useable footprint of the building while minimising the footprint on the land. This has been met with positivity however we would like to ensure that moment for this is not lost. Not only does this benefit the SAS but many other groups that could use while also modernising the building make it easier to maintain in the future. The SAS would like to ensure that the draft RMP and the ICC provide for the ongoing and fit for purpose maintenance on ICC owned buildings. Thank you for the chance to be involved in both this consultation for the RMP and, leading up to this, the Sandy Point Master Plan. We ultimately believe the Council's and SAS's interest are mostly aligned.

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

Nothing specific in the Implementation differs from what has been stated in point 9.

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

not answered



27 January 2025

Invercargill City Council
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Tēnā koe,

SUBMISSION FROM HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA ON THE SANDY POINT DOMAIN 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 a submission on the Sandy Point Domain Management Plan – Stage 2 Consultation

2. HNZPT recognises that this is consultation of a Reserve Management Plan for Sandy Point Domain, subsequent Stage 1 consultation in January 2024. HNZPT's submission relates to the historic heritage-related aspects of the document, including cultural history and archaeology.

Historic Heritage in Sandy Point Domain

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 people, contributing to strong communities and social cohesion. While there are currently not any places or areas entered on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangī Kōrero (the List) within the Sandy Point Domain, there are numerous recorded archaeological sites across the Domain. The majority of these recorded archaeological sites are of Māori origin and since Stage 1 feedback the sites have since been referenced and are not explicitly identified on the Sandy Point Domain Masterplan. HNZPT supports this approach as it removes any ability for individual archaeological sites to be intentionally damaged or destroyed.

4. The Sandy Point Domain Management Plan will assist with decision making at all stages of use, management, and development of the reserve. The Management Plan consolidates the reserve's significant history for wider Southland, community aspirations, ecological values and recreational opportunities into a document for use by its stakeholders. The retention, maintenance and enhancement of any heritage structures or areas, the setting and archaeology within the Domain has been included in the management objectives and policies, HNZPT is satisfied that the Domain Management Plan does take effect to section 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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 also 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 human occupation pre 1900 nearby.
8. It is an offence to modify or destroy an archaeological site without an authority from HNZPT under the HNZPTA. Therefore, it is important to make owners aware of this obligation.

HNZPT recommends the following is taken into account at all stages of the drafting of the Sandy Point Domain Management Plan

Management of Archaeology

9. The cultural evidence of Māori occupation at Sandy Point is vast and related to all functions of life by tipuna, who were known to say, 'take me to the mouth of the Kōreti to be buried', this is testament to the status of the area. There are burial sites, wāhi tapu, middens artefacts, and ovens as well as carved tī kouka trees.". These cultural sites are known to be pre-1900 which brings them into the archaeological regulatory role that HNZPT holds which is separate to the RMA functions that TLA regulate. HNZPT recommends that the management plan directly notes the HNZPTA under the archaeology paragraph 6.3 Ngā uara ahurea, ā-tukunga iho hoki/Cultural and heritage values. HNZPT suggest adding a sentence "Protection and management of archaeological sites are regulated by HNZPT under HNZPTA 2014. The

permission of HNZPT must be sought prior to the modification, damage or destruction of any archaeological site, whether the site is unrecorded or has been previously recorded.”

10. In total there are 40 archaeological sites identified on the New Zealand Archaeological Association archaeological site recording scheme ArchSite, across Sandy Point. 32 of these sites are of Māori origin, with many being middens. Due to the wide distribution and nature of archaeological sites on Sandy Point, there is reasonable risk of any earthworks, including soil disturbance, encountering Māori archaeology. As stated above, any development may trigger requirements under the archaeological provisions of the HNZPTA and may require an archaeological authority to be obtained.
11. As with any resource, appropriate protection of heritage resources cannot occur without a good understanding of the current state of the resource. HNZPT recommends that prior to any ground disturbance works beginning, such as track formation/maintenance, planting, or building/structure construction, a consultant archaeologist is engaged to undertake an archaeological assessment and develop a management plan. A management plan would include recommendations specific to the site and potential adverse effects and provide appropriate mitigation methods. These may include coastal erosion, manage forestry and replanting and methods for long term protection of archaeological sites.
12. HNZPT recommends avoidance of potential archaeological features and mitigation of adverse effects to any archaeological sites wherever possible. An archaeological management plan will allow archaeology to be considered and integrated into development proposals rather than dealt with in isolation from other matters and reduces the potential for encountering unidentified archaeology and having to stop works until an archaeological authority is obtained.

Heritage Interpretation

13. HNZPT commends Council for the proposed implementation and maintenance of interpretation panels within the reserve. The enhancement of community awareness of the reserve’s history should be included as a strategic outcome of the Management Plan. Heritage interpretation needs to go beyond simple wayfinding. The interpretation panels should be developed by a suitably qualified and experienced practitioner and include the breath of stories which form the history of the site and preferably be developed in consultation with HNZPT and rūnanga.

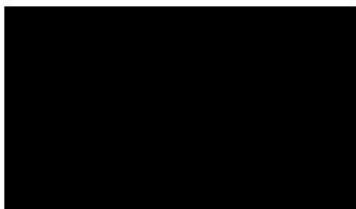
Working in Partnership with Runanga

14. Protection of taonga is a key principle of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Cultural heritage and mātauranga Māori must be protected as part of the fulfilment of the principles of Te Tiriti. HNZPT is supportive that ICC work in partnership with papatipu rūnanga to identify and manage cultural landscapes and heritage within Sandy Point Domain, particularly the values and aspirations expressed in the manawhenua table within the proposed plan. HNZPT supports this mechanism for supporting heritage conservation protection. The Management Plan should reinforce any

commitment to, and process for, working in partnership with rūnanga and how this will factor into decision making.

15. HNZPT invites ICC staff to consult directly with HNZPT staff on how we can better provide for the protection and conservation of historic heritage, including management of archaeology, through the Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan through initial consultation and the implementation of the Management Plan.

Ngā mihi



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Share your thoughts on the Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

Personal details

Full name: Dennis Peter Farrelly. (Required)

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Contact Phone: [REDACTED] (Required) Postcode: 9872 (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 Sandy Point Domain? ☒ 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 Implementation Plan?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

I am a horse rider who uses Sandy point horse riding tracks and would like this to be kept available for riding



Please attach extra sheets of paper if required.

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Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan Consultation Form 2024/2025

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Personal details

Full name: Foreaux Riding Club (Required)

Email: foveauxridingclub@gmail.com (Required)

Contact Phone: 027 206 9906 (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 Sandy Point Domain? ☒ Y / ☐ N

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

see attached

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

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?



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Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan Consultation Form 2024/2025

Correspondence

The Sandy Point Oreti Sands Draft Management Plan

General

1. Irene and Juainata have put in a submission on the draft plan
2. Our Club needs to put in a submission:
3. Colour coded tracks for easy location if an accident and for easier location
4. Logging company wish to put up a sign with tracks, but need to go through the council channels first.
5. Reasons to call the police whilst out at Sandy Point; (a) unregistered bikes, (b) bikes are a danger to horse riders. Police will respond and try to catch the culprits. Need to be careful that riders are not putting themselves at risk by attempting to advise bike riders of the rules.

Some discussion on ongoing issues, and below are points we decided to include in our submission to the Council.

Submissions to be in by 5pm Friday 31 January


As a Club, this is our submission. Anybody is welcome to copy these and include them in their own submissions, the more the better.

- Concerned about the increase in motorbikes and push bikes
- Specified horse riding area to continue
- Adequate signage at Christies corner, float parking area
- Signs at entrances off Christies track saying it's a horse riding area
- This is necessary for safety of riders that motorbikes and pushbikes are located in a separate area.
- This is the only riding area specifically for horse riding
- No dog walkers as the dogs can become very vicious and unmanageable for people leading, which then becomes a danger to horse and riders
- Also, it would be ideal to have colour coded tracks. These would benefit riders to stay within the riding area, and also help emergency services in the event of an accident to locate the injured
- Eco sanctuary area to permit horse riding.

m/s Dennis; Irene

Riding Diary

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Saturday 7 th December	11 am	Christmas Ride Park at Omaui Reserve. Ready to ride at 11 am Bring some secateurs to cut back over grown tracks. Julies' sending riders off on a ride for a couple of hours. Bring picnic to share



Respondent No: 24

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 29, 2025 15:03:53 pm

Last Seen: Jan 29, 2025 15:03:53 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Nicola Stout
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Q3. Post Code	9814
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
Please keep the intention for this area to be a multi-use space. As part of Disc Golf south we believe this area has the potential to host a disc golf course in the future that would be enjoyed by many people of different ages and backgrounds and skill levels.	
Q10.What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	
a/a	
Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	
Disc golf is an activity that enables people to take part in a low impact activity that appeals to many in the community. DGS would love to see a course installed in the future in this area.	



Respondent No: 25

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 29, 2025 15:39:50 pm

Last Seen: Jan 29, 2025 15:39:50 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Andrew Fleming
Q2. Contact Email	
Q3. Post Code	9876
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Disc Golf South member
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	
A championship disc golf course could be included in to this multi-use area and could potentially be a big drawcard for disc golf tourism to the city if done correctly. Whilst not requiring anywhere near the amount of maintenance required for a golf course, it would be important the 'rough' wasn't extremely overgrown as it currently is near fairways so people aren't losing \$30-\$50 discs every visit.	
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?	
not answered	



Respondent No: 26

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 29, 2025 16:08:34 pm

Last Seen: Jan 29, 2025 16:08:34 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Joseph Ball
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Q2. Contact Email	
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Q3. Post Code	9814
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Q4. Phone	
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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
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Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
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Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
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Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?


N/a

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

N/A

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

Id just like to say please consider the disc golf course. The more we have for our children the better. Sports can change peoples lives and Invercargill already has some of NZs best disc golf players, many traveling internationally to compete. There is almost no environmental impact either. It'll take pressure off the heavily used Queenspark course too. There is literally no downside and a huge upside



Respondent No: 27

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 30, 2025 04:32:00 am

Last Seen: Jan 30, 2025 04:32:00 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Jaden
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Q2. Contact Email	
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Q3. Post Code	9812
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Q4. Phone	
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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
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Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	No
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Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	not answered
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Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	Be awesome to get discgolf into this area. Possibly in future years after some growth it could be made into a clubhouse and a sort after area to visit
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Q10.What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	not answered
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Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	not answered
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Respondent No: 29

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 30, 2025 13:26:26 pm

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Q1. Name	Wendy Findlay
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Q3. Post Code	9879
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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Active Southland

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

Key plans and milestones such as: Place-making, Wayfinding, Cultural Narrative and Design/ Signage as well as development of proposed multi-sport / community hubs can and should be delivered in the next 1-5 years to ensure elevated levels of community use. We believe early intervention and improved time frames will have a positive impact on safety of the site. If Sandy point becomes a thriving community asset due to increased user numbers and more positive interactions, greater activation and as a result greater passive surveillance (CPTED principles) it is likely there will be a reduction in antisocial behaviour. However good the plan, we believe long timeframes present a risk to the success of the implementation. This is a generational project and needs to be delivered in a timely manner. *We do understand environment change, and resilience will take time.

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

Core principles Active Transport: important that there is specific mention of Active Transport through the reserve and its connectivity into the city. We believe this is a critical opportunity to enable modal shift encouraging more people to be more active more often. The work that has gone into creating bike / cycle access to this area of the city is commendable however better connection and safety improvements within the reserve would be beneficial for those walking or cycling (as a form of transport rather than their core activity). Active Recreation: it is positive to see that there is focus on inclusion/ universal access and general improvements to the offering for walking, cycling, and running within the reserve. This is something that is a key asset for the city as being away from vehicle movement is safe but also provides a high-quality visitor experience. We believe that the creation of a space for safe active recreation is invaluable as evidence suggests that there is likely to be a continual increase of this activity/ participation. Park Furniture: Through our desire to see healthy, activated reserves and green spaces we believe that further focus needs to be placed on the proactive renewal, maintenance, and capital expenditure to ensure that there is adequate provision of: shelter, natural shelter, shade, seating as well as access to drinking water and toilets. Play: We want to see a greater focus on play. It is imperative that there is a broader understanding of play concepts built into the Management Plan. It is important to understand that all generations play, and the value of intergenerational play. Play does not only happen in reserves, skateparks and playgrounds. Universal Design: principles need to be implemented across the reserve with a key focus on the active recreation opportunities and bathrooms/changing space. These need to be put in place without caveat. It is important given aging population and rates of disability in our community that we ensure we are designing people into our public spaces. It is critical that Invercargill plans for the future of our population base and strives towards being a fit for purpose inclusive city. Crime and Activation: ensuring that opportunities to implement CPTED principles are utilised with a focus on activating spaces to prevent crime and vandalism. Climate change: it is great to see some comprehensive planning around environmental sustainability, sea level rise and inundation. Club Rooms: The current facilities are well used and in moderate – poor condition with plans to improve the facilities currently being explored. Any development must align with insights and community data while linking with both the Southland Sports Field Strategy and the Southland Spaces and Places Strategy. Key points to consider: • Environmental change and pressure, ensure anything developed on the site is future proofed and environmentally resilient. • Any new facility meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse user group, including Women and Girls, Elders, and Disabled People. • Meeting the social demand of the user groups, ensure flexibility and multi-use spaces are considered in any development planning. • Ensuring there is enough gender natural / flexible changing space provided to cater for all users. • Enough storage space for user groups, especially when multi-use is considered optimal. • Provision of quality lighting to ensuring better use and provision of sport fields.

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

Existing Strategies: It is important that the Sandy Point Management Plan has strong alignment to and links with the Southland Sports Fields Strategy, Spaces & Places Strategy, the Donovan Park Management Plan as well as any developments at other reserves such as; Queens, Waverly, Surrey, and Rugby Park.

**Respondent No:** 31**Login:** Anonymous**Email:** n/a**Responded At:** Jan 31, 2025 11:49:49 am**Last Seen:** Jan 31, 2025 11:49:49 am**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Name** Kathy Obers (Kathleen Eleanor Obers)

Q2. **Contact Email**

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Q3. **Post Code**

9810

Q4. **Phone**

[REDACTED]

Q5. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?** No

Q6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** Yes

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

Q8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** CCS Disability Action

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


I would like to thank all the staff and Councilors and consultants who have been involved in the consultation process providing information and listening to the large amount of feedback provided by the different groups and the public utilising this unique reserve. It is pleasing to note that many voices were heard and that the biggest outcome I can see is that the aim and future goal is to create an inclusive and accessible environment for everyone to explore and appreciate this valuable reserve/domain.

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

Accessibility assessment for spaces and places in the domain features throughout the plan and this is a very big positive for the disabled community as well as for seniors and young families. Everyone actually. Updating infrastructures to suit everyone's needs such as toileting, access to fresh water and seating such as benches and picnic tables is another positive. Developing Fosbender park is also a positive, making it family friendly and providing more appropriate play spaces and is there a possibility to include some accessible play equipment. Will some accessible play equipment also be considered for the playground down by the boat club area/ramp in Sandy Point? Developing an updated visitor centre is exciting as the sharing of the knowledge of the history and cultural significance of this unique reserve will ensure the value of our precious domain. Safety and Security lists positive actions to improve and protect this area and shows how clubs and the public can assist in this area. Utilising the public/ volunteers under the guidance of council staff and DOC (the experts) to help look after and protect the many species, their habitats and ecosystems will ensure public pride in our also reserve/domain. We will be proud to share with visitors/tourists. It is pleasing to all see the sections being developed regarding activities requiring authorisation.

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

Well done to everyone who has worked on the implementation plan.



Respondent No: 32

Login: Anonymous


Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 31, 2025 12:13:07 pm

Last Seen: Jan 31, 2025 12:13:07 pm

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Q1. Name	Penelope Rouse
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Q3. Post Code	9876
Q4. Phone	
Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	I am represented on the Oreti Sands Users Group
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	I am represented on the Oreti Sands Users Group
Q10. What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	I am represented on the Oreti Sands Users Group
Q11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	Always people using it I am always out there riding my horse I don't want to lose this fantastic recreational playground



Respondent No: 33

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jan 31, 2025 12:19:39 pm

Last Seen: Jan 31, 2025 12:19:39 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Kerrin Price
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Q2. Contact Email	
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Q3. Post Code	9876
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Q4. Phone	
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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	Yes
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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
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Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
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Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	Foveaux Riding Club
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Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	I am represented by the Oreti Sands Users Group
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Q10.What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	I am represented by the Oreti Sands Users Group.
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Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	I ride my horse out there regularly Had a close relationship with the Park Ranger to supervise the domain Always people out there using the domain
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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	Yes
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Yes
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	I have ridden at SP for 50 years and was instrumental in starting horse trails with the Southern Trail Club and Ted Bootsma (ranger for some of that time) and when the cattle were there. I am now attached to Foveaux Riding Club and SP Horse Users Group.
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan? I think it's great that there's some structure to the area going forward as I am saddened by the currently state of the place, the broom, blackberry and no mow policy. I think that untidy areas attract untidy people and we are certainly seeing a lot more of that. I think that there is a lot more undesirables out there now and horse riders often feel unsafe both with aggressive people in cars (maybe they are high on something) and motorbikes on the horse tracks. My daughter and I have submitted a proposal for a mapped area for horse riding which we are still to meet with Cassie about but would be sad to see us not being able to ride firebreaks and winding our way to the point and back along the beach. As with every new plans for special areas, the loss of what people have, is always what is on their minds and it's such a treasured space out there for us and we are not completely sure what to submit. Brian Rowe has pointed out a lot of things to us that would impact on horse riding too. A number of us have asked for him to represent us.. I like the idea that the area is going to be 'looked after' and used by numerous activities. The one thing that is not compatible with horses is off lead dogs, motorbikes and cyclists and so for them to have their own designated areas is a good thing. I am not sure how the heck we keep motorbikes out of there though and we have all reported them to the police numerous times. There's been several cases of unleashed dogs attacking horses who dump their riders then bolt off. This does not include riders who take their dogs on the tracks as they are used to horses but people walking dogs in that area need to have them on a lead in our opinion. They can often 'pack' on a horse when there is more than one dog. The biggest thing for me is the thought of the area being cared for. We used to do a bit of trimming etc but the tracks are getting over grown with branches now.	

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

I am not sure that the loop road is good for floating horses to the horse area. I like the idea of native planting. The biggest thing with toilets is that they get vandalised but I don't know a way around that. I think that the freedom camping should be in the paddock beside the current information centre. I would like to see serious speed restrictions especially where there are children and horses. Really like the idea of security and safety. We often feel we can't leave our floats at the float park in case of vandalism (has occurred numerous times to others). I would like to see the area monitored more with security cameras. I also like the idea of facilitating partnerships.

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

It's a fabulous area and all those who use it responsibly treasure it. I think a lot more signage to let people know the different areas like the mounting bike club have with horses with a X through the picture. So clear that this is not an area for horses and the same in reverse could be on the horse area at the entrances and on the tracks. We love it out there for horses, it's the only place we can go in this part of the country. People travel from Central Otago and Otago to ride there. I recently organised a ride where new people could come and meet others and ride with them so that they could get an idea of what the area was like. I don't think people are aware of how many people use the horse area as it's not well known that there was 4000 spectators at the annual rodeo held at the Western Equine Centre last year and this year (8 Feb) there is 500 competitors alone. If we get near the same number of spectators this year it's a huge number alongside the Burt Munro event at the same time. We would love to see more trees cleared to enlarge our parking at the rodeo. I am heavily involved in the Southland Rodeo club too. Thanks for this opportunity to submit



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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	No
Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	not answered
Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?	I want to be presented by Brian Rowe/Oreti Sands Users group
Q10.What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?	I want to be presented by Brian Rowe/Oreti Sands Users group
Q11.Is there anything else you would like to tell us?	No

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- Q5. **Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?** No
- Q6. **Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?** Yes
- Q7. **Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?** Yes
- Q8. **Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?** Yes - Southland Pony Club (Invercargill Kennington Ponyclub)

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


I tried to see what the Management Plan was about versus the Master Plan but the link for the Management Plan kept taking me to the Implementation Plan so I will comment on the Master Plan. I agree with the idea of consolidating like uses to have more efficient use of land and facilities; great idea to improve biodiversity and ecological restoration, whilst still allowing public access to these areas - don't want to lose the horse tracks though. Great idea to have a bigger visitor pavilion with more signage/information available, and I support telling the stories of the area

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

I think the Implementation Plan is outlined well with its timelines, groups or agencies to involve and timeframe to achieve the actions. In terms of actions: - accessibility: the horsefloat park for Christie's track could do with being levelled out to make it flatter for parking/easier for getting the horses and ponies down the ramps - toilets: whilst I support avoiding the duplication of infrastructure where possible and I know there are toilets down the road from the horsefloat car park at Christie's track when you have a 4 year old that really needs to go and ponies tied onto the float the car can't be unhooked from the float to drive the 4 year old quickly down the road to the toilet (as its too far for them to walk quickly when they need to go). Is it possible to have a toilet at the horsefloat car park please? - cellphone coverage: it would be great to improve this - issues with motorbikes who seem to think they can hoon around the horse tracks especially when you have little people on ponies e.g. 4 and 6 years old - we also use the Equestrian Centre for ponyclub and events and appreciate having this facility which can be used all year round due to the sandy soil - we use tracks for walking and running as well e.g. Fosbender Park and Hatches Hill and enjoy being able to access these areas - as our children are getting older we are also starting to use the mountain bike tracks and really appreciate their accessibility and availability as well - support less mowing on areas that don't require it e.g. like was trialled in the city last year, I thought it was a great idea - having a governance group and/or landcare/community group overseeing the management of the area is a great idea - having outdoor adventure opportunities is a great idea, this would be great for schools to use, also businesses for team bonding activities

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

We are grateful to have the Sandy Point area available to us as we spend time there as a family in a variety of ways - walking and running on tracks, biking on the mountain bike tracks and small track in the front by the car park, riding on the horse tracks and at the Equestrian Centre and also going to the beach. We are pleased that there is a management plan process underway to ensure there is efficient and safe use of these areas for us to continue to utilise and enjoy for years to come.



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

No

Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?

Yes

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

Yes

Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?

No

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

As a long time recreational user of the Sandy Point Domain I would fully support improvements to access to the point - as such, I would be vehemently against the proposal to close the road or impede access, not least because of the real risk it poses to the small but instrumental resident population on the point

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?

not answered

Reserve Management Plan

Submission on Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

To: Invercargill City Council

Submission on: Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

Name of Submitter: Fire and Emergency New Zealand

This submission is made on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) to Invercargill City Council (ICC) on the Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan (Draft RMP) and the Draft Implementation Plan.

Fire and Emergency has a responsibility under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 to provide for firefighting activities to prevent or limit damage to people, property and the environment. As a secondary function, Fire and Emergency also respond to medical events, rescues, and public assists. Therefore, Fire and Emergency has an interest in the provisions of the Draft RMP to ensure that, where necessary, appropriate consideration is given to fire safety and operational firefighting requirements.

The risk of fire starting or fire spreading in open space, forested areas or across the coastline is increasing due to environmental change, urban development, and human behaviour. The Draft RMP refers to the impacts of climate change which can include coastal inundation and erosion, flooding and land instability. However, it does not consider the impacts of fire risks that can occur due to droughts and wildfires. Fire and Emergency have set out the key risks for unwanted fire and fire spread in the natural environment alongside mitigations in its Local Fire Plan for Southland.

In order for Fire and Emergency to achieve their principle objective which includes reducing the incidence of unwanted fire and the associated risk to life and property, protecting and preserving life, and preventing or limiting injury, damage to property land, and the environment, Fire and Emergency requires adequate water supply be available for firefighting activities; and adequate access throughout Sandy Point Domain Reserve to ensure that Fire and Emergency can respond to emergencies.

Availability of water supplies is a large determinant in fire risk and with increased risk of droughts in the future this will be ever more important. The Draft RMP fails to recognise the necessity of ensuring that there is adequate supply of firefighting water. Fire and Emergency sets out minimum standards for alternative firefighting water supplies in the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice (Water Supplies Code of Practice).

In responding to firefighting, medical, rescue or other emergencies, Fire and Emergency require effective and efficient access and manoeuvring of crew and equipment. This has been reflected in Section 8.2.1.2 Policies (Accessibility and Circulation). However, Fire and Emergency would like to see further consideration of fire emergency vehicle access including consultation with Fire and Emergency.

Native planting, new planting and their effects on managing natural hazard risk has been identified in the Draft RMP. Fire and Emergency would like Council to consider the use of low flammability vegetation as a management measure to decrease fire risk. Further details on vegetation flammability can be found on Fire and Emergency's website [here](#).

Fire and Emergency requests the following amendments. Where specific amendments to provisions of the Draft RMP are sought, these amendments are shown in bold underline (for new text sought) and ~~word~~ (for deletion).

Draft RMP

- To recognise 'fire' as a climate change risk in Section 1.5.1.4 Climate Change. Fire and Emergency are available to help with information on how climate change will likely affect Sandy Point area.
- Amend Policy 8.2.1.2 (3): - As resources become available, investment on roads will be prioritised by need and minimum provision requirements according to use and fire and emergency services, **and ensuring consultation occurs with emergency service providers.**
- Amend Policy 8.2.4.2 (5) Council supports the location of civil defence, emergency management, **emergency services** and public safety signage on the domain.
- Amend Policy 8.2.4.2 (7) Civil defence emergency management, **emergency services** and public safety signage is allowed on the Domain provided Council approval location.
- Add a new policy under Section 8.3.4.2: - 9. Develop and maintain a Fire Plan to incorporate elements of fire risk management including, but not limited to, risk monitoring, review and reporting, response to wildfire, activity restrictions, communication and signage to ensure awareness of current risks, first responders site plan (access, water supplies etc) and evacuation plan.
- Add a new policy under Section 8.3.4.2 – **Identify vegetation management necessary across the Park to manage fire risk including a preference for planting low flammability vegetation. This could include identifying other vegetation management necessary such as tree removal and/or pruning.**

Fire and Emergency requests the following amendments to the Draft Implementation Plan:

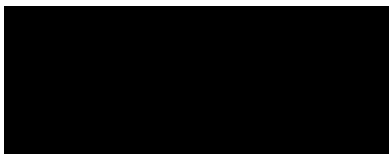
Under Unique Visitor Experience:

- Objective: Enhance and encourage public access into and through all public areas of the Domain.
 - Action: "The sealed loop road development as part of re-designating the main thoroughfare south off Dunns Road, will be reassessed in collaboration with Council's Infrastructure Team and ~~the Police~~ **appropriate emergency service organisations** to understand feasibility, safety measures, timeline and costs."
- Objective: To improve safety and security. Action: - Encourage clubs and organisations to inform ~~police~~ **appropriate emergency services** and Council on concerns.
 - Action: Continue collaboration with ongoing police, ~~and~~ ranger monitoring patrols **and other emergency service organisations.**

Under Build Environmental Resilience:

- Objective: To manage significant risks from natural and manmade hazards to park users and assets in accordance with national and regional policy.
 - Action: Native planting, **low flammability planting** and smarter forestry operations

Fire and Emergency would welcome any questions or further engagement on matters raised in this submission.



Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of Fire and Emergency

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INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL

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SUBMISSION: DRAFT SANDY POINT DOMAIN RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN
2025

I HAVE RE-SUBMITTED PARTS OF MY COMMENTS ON THE MASTERPLAN AS THEY ARE RELEVANT & TIMELY FOR ASSESSMENT AT THIS JUNCTURE.

THE HISTORY OF SANDY PT IS ONE OF RESOURCE GATHERING AND OF OCCUPATION FROM EARLY MOA HUNTERS TO THE PRESENT CRIB SITE AT COOPERS CREEK SITED WITHIN WHAT WAS ONCE MAORI RESERVE.

SUCH RICH HUMAN HISTORY NEEDS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED PARTICULARLY IN THE VICINITY OF THE KAIA OF OUE AND NOKI KAIA, THE VILLAGES OF HONEKAI THE THEN ARIKI OF MURAHIKU AND OF HURUHURU BEFORE RUAPUKE BECAME THE NGAI TAHU BASE FOR HONEKAI'S SON TE WHAKATAUPUKA.

ALSO ESTABLISHED HERE BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF INVERCARGILL'S FIRST SETTLER WAS THE SHORE WHALING STATION & THE RESIDENCES OF THE EARLY SEALERS & WHALERS FROM WHENUA HOU CODFISH IS.

MCCOY, MCSHANE, PRINZ.

THE AREA INCORPORATING COOPERS CREEK IS AN HISTORIC SITE & AS SUCH SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE OF THE DOMAIN.

THE MASTERPLAN RECOGNISES THAT BOTH NATURAL FEATURES & HISTORY ARE IMPORTANT TO THE RECREATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE DOMAIN.

THE CULTURAL ASPECTS OF EARLY MAORI & PAKEHA INTERWEAVING THEIR LIVES AROUND TE ARA-A-KIWA FOVEAUX ST. IS OF NOTE & PLAYED OUT HERE.

OUE WAS A WAYPOINT FOR BOTH MAORI & PAKEHA, MANY NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH EARLY MURAHIKU HAVE LIVED OR PASSED THROUGH HERE SUCH AS THE MISSIONARY JOHANN WAHLERS FROM RUAPUKI ISLAND, JAMES CADDELL THE TATTOED WHITE CHIEF. WITH THE ODD KOTUKA/WHITE HERON, SERVED WITH MCCOYS PEAS AND MCSHANES 'CHAINED LIGHTNING' THERE WERE HIGH OLD TIMES AROUND THE ORETI.

WHY THEN HAS SO MUCH OF THE HISTORY INCLUDED IN PAST MANAGEMENT PLANS (APPENDED) BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE PRESENT DRAFT?

YOU WOULD EXPECT THIS HISTORY NOT ONLY TO BE INCLUDED BUT EXPANDED ON. THIS OMISSION SHOULD BE RECTIFIED IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MAORI SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL TIES TO THE ORETI & THE DOMAIN AS LAID OUT IN THE DRAFT ARE RECOGNISED BY THOSE OF US AT COOPERS CREEK, MANY OF US WITH LONG-TERM TIES TO THE AREA.

A SIGNIFICANT NO OF CURRENT CRIB OWNERS AND THEIR WHĀNAU ARE OF MAORI DESCENT.

ONE OF THE RESIDENTS HAS A PARTICULARLY CLOSE TIE TO OUE AS HER MAORI GREAT-GRANDMOTHER FROM WHĒNUA HOU, CODFISH ISLAND STOPPED AT OUE WHERE SHE HAD HUIRAPĀ RELATIVES AS SHE RELOCATED TO APARIMA, JACOBS RIVER, NOW RIVERTON. DOUBTLESS SHE HAD OTHER OCCASSIONS TO VISIT EITHER BY WAY OF MATE A WAEWAE OR BY SEA.

* SINCE THE VILLAGE IS POTENTIALLY TO REMAIN (FOR AS YET UNCONFIRMED) NUMBER OF YEARS OR IN PERPETUITY AS AN HISTORIC VILLAGE, WE WOULD WELCOME FORMING A POSITIVE ASSOCIATION WITH LOCAL IWI.

"THE KETTLE IS ALWAYS ON THE BOIL"

* THE FORMER SITE OF MCCOYS HOUSE, SET AMONG THE CURRENT CRIBS WAS INTENDED AS A PICNIC SPOT BY PARKS UNDER ROBIN PAGAN. SOME CLEARANCE WAS DONE TO THIS END BUT HAS SINCE GROWN IN WITH BROOM ETC.

REDEVELOPED, INFORMATION BOARDS COULD BE INSTALLED HERE, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER WHERE THERE IS THE BEST DEGREE

OF PROTECTION FROM INTENTIONAL DAMAGE.

THIS SITE COULD TELL THE STORIES FROM THE EARLY MAORI & PĀKEHA AS HERE IT HAPPENED. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MANA WHĒNUA TO DEVELOP & PRESENT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATION & VISION OF THEIR HERITAGE.

* AFTER A LONG BATTLE FOR RECOGNITION OF THE 'MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING' HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS AN ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT, DRAWN UP BY THE COUNCIL'S OWN LAWYERS.

THE "HISTORIC VILLAGE OF COOPERS CREEK" IS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THAT DOCUMENT.

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- RETURN TO A REGULAR MOWING SCHEDULE WITHIN THE RESERVE. LONG GRASS IMPEDES VISABILITY AROUND BENDS IN THE GRAVELLED ROAD SECTIONS - DRIVERS ARE USING THE CENTRE OF THE ROAD. HAZARDOUS. WHERE VEHICLES CAN & DO DRIVE OFFROAD HOT EXHAUST PIPES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO START FIRES. GRASS FIRES BURN FAST & THE FIRE SERVICE MAY NOT THEREFORE BE ABLE TO CONTAIN THEM - CONTAINED IN A MISSIVE DELIVERED (VIA PARKS & RECREATION) BY THE BRIGADE THEMSELVES 3 SUMMERS AGO DURING A HIGH FIRE SEASON.
- REINTRODUCE MOWING TO THE COOPERS CREEK VILLAGE GREEN FOR THE FIRE DANGER & THE UNSIGHTLYNESS BOTH.

DUE TO THE PUBLICITY AROUND COOPERS CREEK IN RECENT TIMES, THE VILLAGE & ITS ENVIRONS HAS GAINED WIDER PUBLIC RECOGNITION & MORE VISITORS.

THE VILLAGE GREEN NEEDS TO BE MAINTAINED BY PARKS & RECREATION AS IT DOES NOT PRESENT WELL TO VISITORS. THE ENTRANCE TO MCSHANES TRACK IS MOWED, COOPERS CREEK ENTRY WOULD BE DONE AT THE SAMETIME.

- SMALL COMMUNITIES SUCH AS COOPERS CREEK ARE KIWI ICONS eg COSY NOOK (PAHA), TAYLORS MISTAKE

INTERNET SITES HAVE & CONTINUE TO LIST THE CREEK AS PLACES TO VISIT. THE LIGHTHOUSE & MINI EARLY SETTLERS HUT ARE POPULAR WITH VISITORS & FAMILIES FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES.

- THE CREEK IS AN ENJOYED DESTINATION FOR THE LIKES OF THE LADIES TUESDAY WALKING GROUP & RESTHOME MINI-BUS OUTINGS.

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P. 55 4.5 MANA WHENUA VALUES

ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY GROUP THAT SUPPORTS OUTCOMES IN THE RESERVE

AS CRIBOWNERS AT COOPERS CREEK, THE ENTIRE DOMAIN IS OUR BACKYARD & ITS DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE IS OF GREAT RELEVANCE & INTEREST.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS KEEN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENDEAVOURS OF A LANDCARE GROUP UNDER PARKS & RECREATION.

INDIVIDUALS HAVE LONG CONTRIBUTED TO PEST CONTROL BY TRAPPING, A NUMBER OF US PICKUP RUBBISH INCLUDING THE SHORES OF THE ESTUARY, I AM INVESTED IN WEEDPEST CONTROL LOCALLY & ON A SMALL SCALE WASP WIPE OUT.

THE CREEK COULD SERVE AS A HALF-WAY BASE FOR A LANDCARE GROUPS ACTIVITIES THIS FAR INTO THE RESERVE & SINCE AS MENTIONED THE VILLAGE IS HERE FOR NOW, WITH THE LIKLYHOOD OF SOME CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP AT SOME POINT, THE CREEK AS A FOCUS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENDEAVOURS WOULD LIKELY ATTRACT THOSE TO WHOM THESE ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT.

MOST IMPORTANTLY WE WOULD WISH TO RE-ESTABLISH WITH THE PARKS RANGERS, THE CONNECTIONS WE HAD WITH THE PERMANENT RANGERS, BENEFITING BOTH PARTIES.







"WE SUPPORT THE VILLAGE" ONE OF MANY VISITS
THE TUESDAY WALK GROUP

APPENDED HISTORY FROM A PREVIOUS DRAFT PLAN

For want of any archaeological evidence the length of Maori occupation on Sandy Point Domain can only be deduced. However, other areas from the Catlins southwards were occupied some 700-800 years ago and it is not unlikely that the Maori history of Sandy Point Domain extends over a similar period.

The presence of moa may well have been an attraction, along with the other birdlife of the area, abundant shellfish and sea fish. In earlier years large quantities of moa bones were uncovered by the shifting sands as well as the small piles of crop or gizzard stones. It is recorded that a complete moa skeleton, from the Domain, is in the National History Museum, London.

Two small kaika, or villages, formerly existed when the first Europeans visited the area. The larger one was Oue, while the smaller one was known as Noki Kaika. In an article written in 1895, Thomas Waugh stated that the Maoris were at one time numerous at Sandy Point. However, in his 1852 census, Mantell records only twelve Maoris living at the village of Oue. According to an early map, Oue, the principal kaika, was in the vicinity of Coopers Creek, near where the cribs are currently situated. A Maori cemetery reserve still exists in this area. It is stated that Oue was abandoned by 1862 so that Waugh's statement that the Maoris were at one time numerous could have been based only on hearsay.

Mantell's 1852 census reveals the following information concerning the Maori population at Oue:

Males over 14 years	8
Females over 14 years	4
Religion - Episcopalian	1
Wesleyan	11
Moral condition - Married legally	2
Married, not legally	4
Read and write	3
Houses, native style	2 (The fact that there were only two houses recorded at Oue in 1852 indicates that the kaika was not of any great size)
Stock - pigs, tame	10
Wheat, 1 acre	
Potatoes, 3 acres	
Boats, 1.	

Mantell took a further census in 1853 and his list

not only gives the names of the Maoris living at Oue, but also gives their tribal affiliations.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Tribe or Hapu</u>
Huruhuru	M	Ngatihuirapa
Heneri Huruhuru	M	Ngatihuirapa
Taniera te Hauotu	M	Ngatihuirapa
Hamaona Ketu	M	Ngatimaru
Noa te Pakeke	M	Ngatimaru
Heneri Matene Maioi	M	Ngatimaru
Te Marama	M	Ngatimaru
Tuteuira	M	Ngatimaru
Ineteariari	F	Ngatituhauriri
Pokuru	F	Ngatihuirapa
Motoitoi	F	Ngatihuirapa
Tiraia Kokopu	F	Ngatiwera

In the past there has been speculation as to the actual site of the kaika, and the discovery of two large middens, in towards the centre of the Domain, prompted one author (J. Hall-Jones) to state that they indicated the site of Oue. However, historical records, particularly in the form of official maps leave no doubt as to where both kaika were sited. A survey carried out by J.T. Thomson and A. Garvie, in 1856, clearly shows Oue kaika situated right in the south-eastern corner of the Native Reserve.

The second kaika existed, up until the 1870's, on a native reserve in the vicinity of Hatch's Hill and Huruhuru's Beach. It was apparently quite small and a note, on a survey plan, written by Alexander Mackay in 1874, stated that the land had become a mere rabbit warren and that it was proposed to give up the land in exchange for another site. Although not stated on the plan, the land offered in exchange was a site at Omaui, and the second village was merged in with the rest of Sandy Point Domain. Huruhuru was chief of Oue during the middle of the last century and his name is commemorated at Huruhuru's Beach. The site of this second village is now known as Noki Kaika. This name cannot be verified and it may be a corruption of the original name or an appellation given at a later date. Possibly, it is a corruption of Nohi Kaika which translates as "little village".

Evidence of Maori occupation exists in various parts of the Domain and, fortunately, most archaeological sites are within the boundaries of the main area

of the proposed Natural Environment Zone. Some archaeological sites occur in other zones and no doubt others have yet to be found. All known sites are recorded with the Southland Museum. Most are middens and ovens, but there is at least one burial site outside of the urupa or cemetery reserve. However it is not proven that it is a Maori burial and may just as well be a European burial. Most of the midden and oven sites were probably only camping or stopping places, which were occupied for short periods, and they do not necessarily indicate permanent habitation.

While the abundance of birdlife, fish and shellfish were obviously the main attractions to the Maori inhabitants, there was also another factor which was of important to the southern Maori. This was the totara bark which was used for making the kits or pohatiti in which the mutton birds, or titi, were stored and transported. The titi were packed in inflated kelp bags which were strenghtened with splints of totara bark tied around the outside. Although the taking of totara bark was supposed to be carried out with all due regard for the environment Mantell records that every year the Maoris destroyed large numbers of totara trees by stripping the bark, not only for making the pohatiti, but also for covering their houses. It is recorded that the totara trees in the forest were used for many years, after the two villages were abandoned, for the supply of this bark. From this it may be deduced that the totara was always an abundant tree on Sandy Point.

One or two old, mature totaras still exhibit prominent scars where the bark was stripped in bygone years and, because of that, they have an historical significance.

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The First Europeans

The European history of Sandy Point Domain is very interesting and pre-dates that of Invercargill by quite a number of years. The first Europeans known to have visited or settle on Sandy Point were whalers. The oldest half-caste, at Oue, recorded by Mantell in 1852 was 22 years, and while not conclusive indicates that Europeans very likely visited the area at least as early as 1830.

In 1836 a shore whaling station was established at Sandy Point by Joss and Williams. This whaling station was said to have been in the vicinity of the Maori Village of Oue. A second whaling station was established, at Omaui, in the same year by Brown and Carter. In 1838 both stations were bought by the well-known Johnny Jones, who closed them down

and removed the plant to Riverton. The try pot on display at McCoy's Beach is often thought to have been one of those used at the Oue station, but it is now believed to have come from Lewis Ackers' property north of the Dunns Road bridge

At least one of the hands employed at Oue, namely Owen McShane eventually took up land on Sandy Point. Henry McCoy is said to have settled at the Maori Kaika at Oue in 1841, while McShane settled in 1836 or thereabouts. Owen McShane, known as "the Cooper" because of his trade, gained a notorious reputation because he distilled a kind of rum from the cabbage trees which were plentiful in the area.

In 1851 W.B.D. Mantell recorded that McShane had a large still for distilling spirit from ti (cabbage tree) and that large quantities of refuse round it showed that it had been considerably used. About two months later, on his return journey, Mantell also records that he cautioned McShane about his distilling.

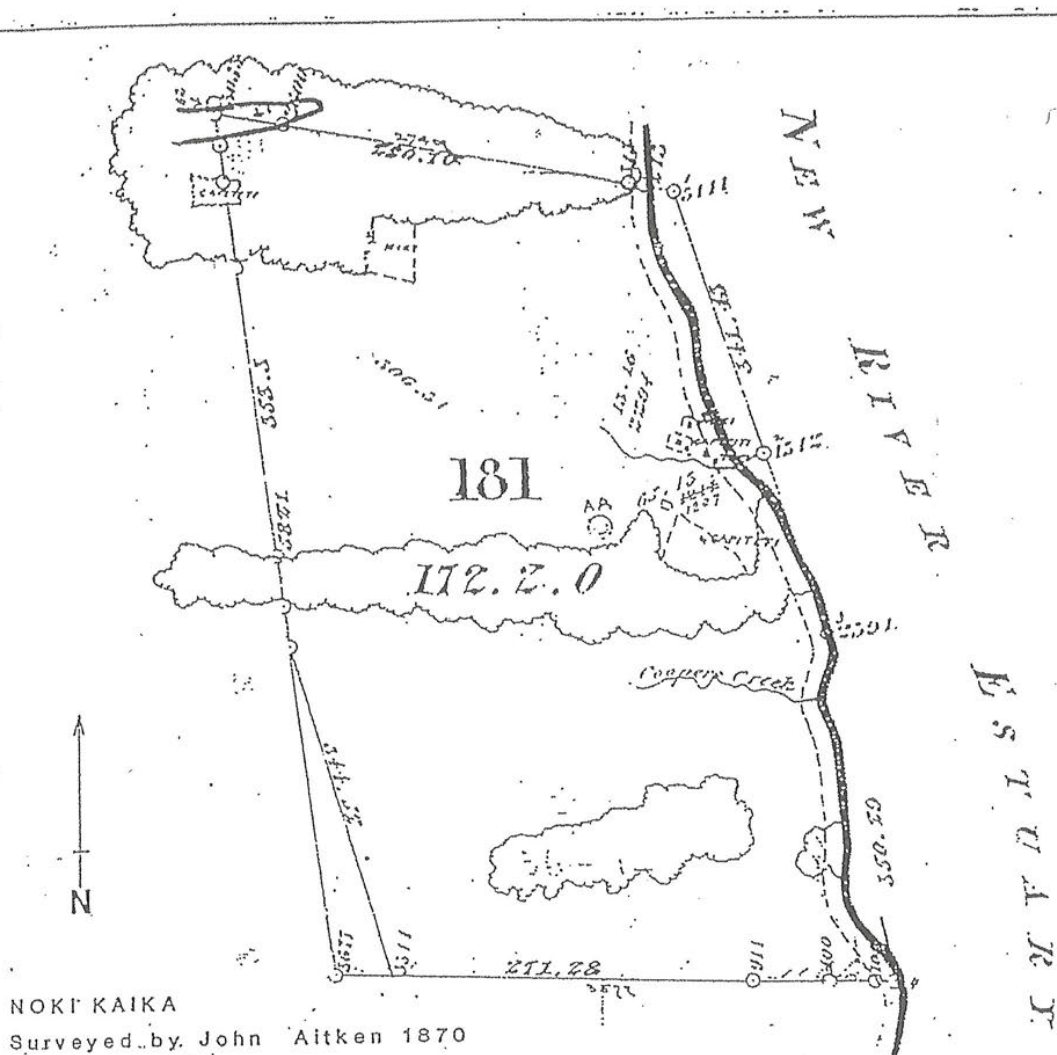
In fact it can be probably claimed that he was possibly the first distiller of illicit spirits in Southland. McShane's cabbage tree "rum" is popularly associated with the wreck of the "Lynx" in 1837, which ran aground when leaving the Estuary with a cargo of whale oil. The wreck is said to have occurred because of the drunken state of the crew. However, the report of the wreck in a Sydney newspaper makes no mention of the crew being drunk.

One of the old anchors displayed at McCoy's Beach is popularly supposed to have come from the wreck of the Lynx. However, information from the Maritime Museum, in Wellington proves that neither of the two anchors could have come from the Lynx. The Lynx was constructed in 1815 and most anchors from ships of that period had wooden stocks, which were common up until about 1850. The stock on the anchor in question was of a later pattern which did not become common until around 1860. It is more likely to have come from a ship which had to slip its anchor and was unable to retrieve it, or an anchor which was lost because of a broken shackle.

In his diary, W.B.D. Mantell records his visit to Oue (Sandy Point) on 22 December, 1851 and states "Topi urged me to represent the cases of MacCoy and Prince (Printz) to each of whom he has given land." Topi refers to Topi Patuki of Ruapuke who was principal chief in the south at that time. Mantell's diary entry would infer that, while McCoy and Printz had been given some land at Oue, by Topi Patuki, they did not have legal title to it. Henry McCoy had his house and boat shed down near

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HISTORICAL PLAN OF "NATIVE RESERVE"

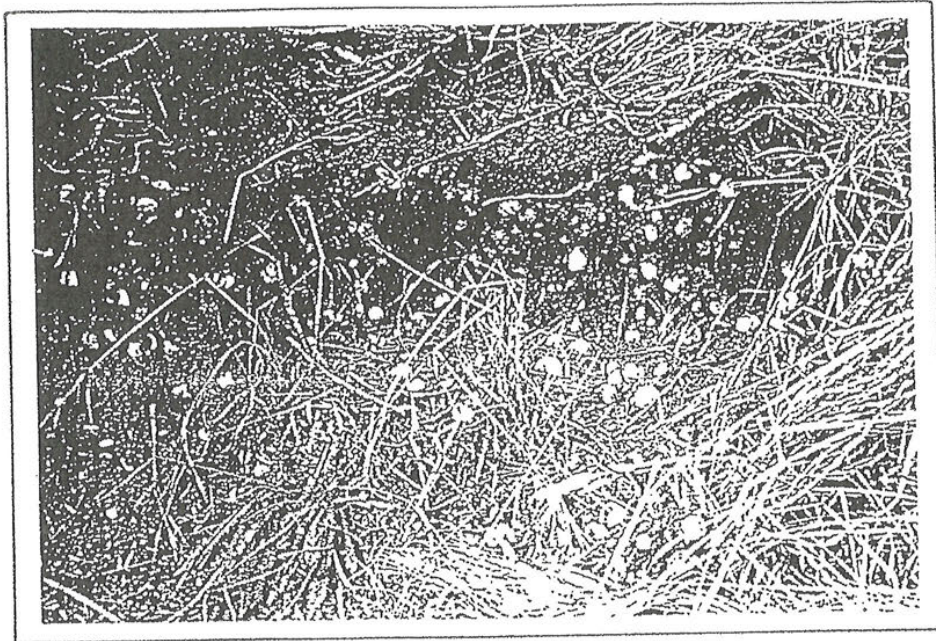


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12. HISTORICAL PLAN 1857

Drawing from Charles Kettle's field notebook showing the native reserve in Sandy Point Domain, 1857.

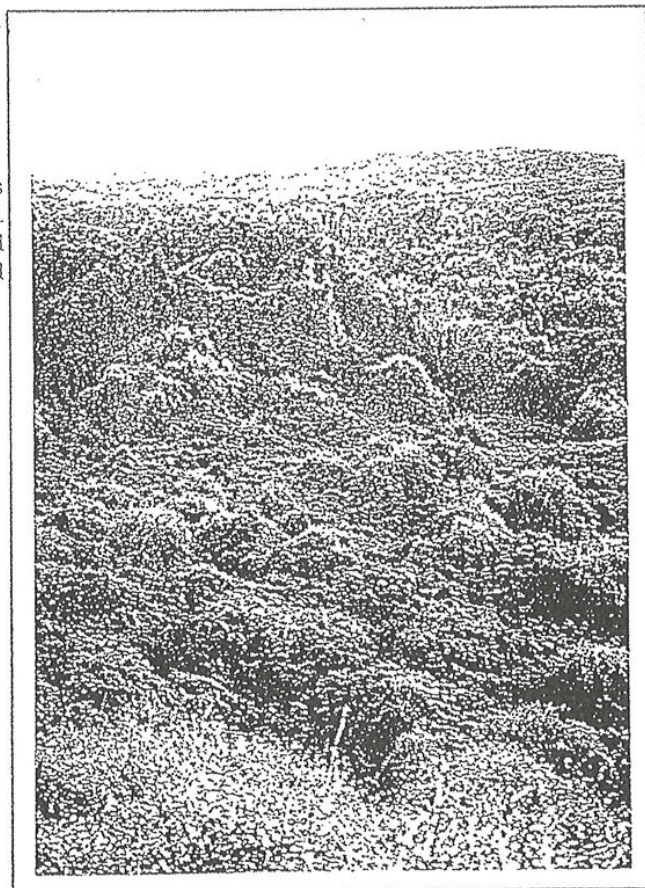


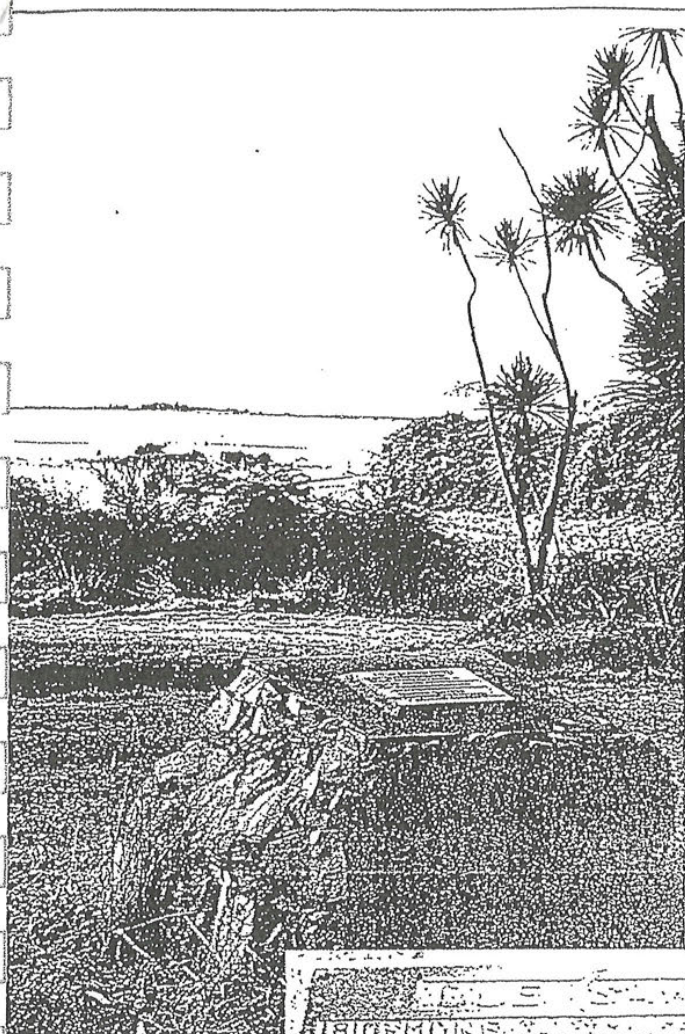


5. A midden site near Daffodil Bay. Middens are most common evidence of the Maori occupation of Sandy Point.

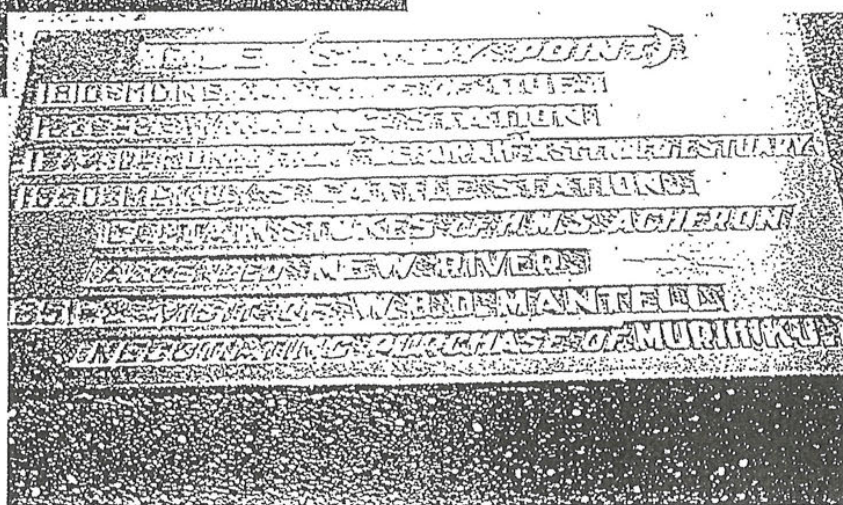
6. Noki Kaika

Somewhere in this vicinity Noki Kaika was situated between 1862 and the mid 1870s.





7. The monument, which is very close to the actual site of Carl Rask's cottage.



The plaque was provided by Mr. F.G. Hall-Jones under the auspices of the Southland Historical Committee.

the south-eastern corner of the Native Reserve.

George Printz settled at Sandy Point sometime about 1842 when he joined Henry McCoy. Printz married Pokuru, a daughter of chief Huruhuru of Oue, but there were no children. After the death of his first wife he married Catherine Acker, who bore him a number of children, and after her death he married Matilda, the daughter of John Howell of Riverton.

George Printz apparently had two lots of land on Sandy Point and they were referred to as Printz's "lower station" and his "upper station". The "lower station" was at Printz's Point. The "upper station" was managed by his brother Harry Printz and was situated approximately 1.5 kilometres upstream from the Dunns Road bridge on the western bank of the Oreti River. It later became known as the "Gum Trees" and the site can be identified today by some Eucalyptus globulus which still grow there. When Henry McCoy moved from Sandy Point, about 1856, he was bought out by George Printz. Printz left Sandy Point in the late 1850s.

In his 1852 census Mantell also recorded the Europeans and Half-Castes living at Oue, together with the following information:

Name	Sex	Age	Native of	Read	Write	Persuasion	Occupation or Relation	Years Resident
Oue								
Henry James McCoy	m	44	V.D.L.	r	w	C of E	Mariner	10
Anne, his wife	f	22	half-caste				Wife	
Jacob Newton	m	8	"				Brother-in-law	
Isaac Newton	m	6	"				Brother-in-law	
Caroline Newton	f	4	"				Sister-in-law	
Owen McShane	m	37	Ireland	5	2	Catholic	Cooper & boatbuilder	15
George Printz	m	26	N.S.W.	r	w	C of E	Whaler	9
Henry Whitelock	m	6	half-caste				In care of G.P.	
Magie	m	8	N.Z.				Ditto, Native Orphan	

	Acres In Crop	Cattle			Horses		Pigs		Tenure & Remarks
Henry James McCoy) Wheat, 1½	65	2	40	1	2			Has a large spirit-still
Annie, his wife) Potatoes, 1½								
Owen McShane	Wheat, 1	7		40					ditto
George Printz	Potatoes and barley, 3	30	1	20					
	Wheat and potatoes, 1								

Kenneth McLennan is credited with being one of the first runholders in Southland and his "Sandy Point Station" was the first officially leased run on the Domain. The lease was granted in 1889. His house

was located on the banks of the Oreti River in the vicinity of where the Water Ski and Runabout Club's building now stands. It appears that Kenneth McLennan was forced to give up his run because of the rabbit problem.

In 1902 a Mr. Cuthbert Royds took over McLennan's lease. In 1904 Mr. Royds transported McLennan's old cottage up river to a site just south of the bridge, where it still stands today. The cottage was loaded on to two lighters, lashed side by side, for transportation up the river. Although, derelict, the old cottage is still structurally quite sound and, as the oldest remaining building in Sandy Point Domain, every effort should be made to preserve it for its historic value.

In 1913 Cuthbert Royds constructed a flaxmill on the banks of the Oreti River just a little south of where the old cottage stands. This mill was later shifted south to McLennans Flat where it operated for a year or so before being shifted back to its original site. Under various owners this flaxmill continued operating until it closed in 1970. The various owners had flax cutting rights over the extensive flax swamps of the Domain. Flax less than four feet in length was not allowed to be cut, nor was it permitted to cut flax growing on the tops of sand hills. The lessee was also not allowed to cut flax during severe continuous frosts, and during the months of June and July. Before the Dunns Road bridge was constructed across the Oreti, the flaxmill operated a lighter for carting flax and firewood to the mill and the fibre to Invercargill.

Carl Rask arrived at Sandy Point about 1882, or thereabouts, and took up 3.3 hectares of land in the vicinity of Rask's Point. His land became known as Rask's Point Farm and he lived there for many years. Rask's Point Farm became well-known, around the district, for its fruit and produce. It is recorded that he grew a variety of fruits from plums and pears to oranges and hazels. His farm was also renowned for its vegetables and in particular the quality of its potatoes. Carl Rask's farm owed its existence to the numerous trees he planted for shelter, particularly pines, Monterey cypress and Eucalyptus. Many of these trees still survive and quite a number are very fine specimens.

Trees and shrubs still surviving on the site on Rask's Point farm are:

Pinus radiata Monterey pine

Cupressus macrocarpa Monterey cypress

Eucalyptus globulus Blue gum
Taxus baccata yew
Crataegus monogyna Hawthorn
Fuchsia magellanica var. macrostemma
Pyrus communis Pear
Buddleia globosa.

West's Flat


Daffodil Bay is one of the most popular parts of Sandy Point, and yet few people are aware that it was originally called West's Flat. It received its name from Mr. and Mrs W.J.N. West who used to live there. Originally they ran an accommodation house, in partnership with J.G. Hughes, at the Mokomoko Inlet. Travellers journeying from Bluff to Riverton, or inland Southland used to cross the Estuary, by boat, from the Mokomoko Inlet, travel across Sandy Point and then along the beach to Riverton. Thus it was that the home of one or another of the settlers on Sandy Point was popular, or sometimes necessary, as an overnight stopping place. The Wests eventually retired to Sandy Point and it was Mrs Christina West who planted the daffodils, amongst the flax bushes, which gave this delightful area its current name Daffodil Bay. The West's name is perpetuated in the point which juts out to the north of Daffodil Bay.

1.8.3.

Erosion and Erosion Control

The introduction of rabbits into Sandy Point Domain produced disastrous consequences which could not have been foreseen at the time. The sandy country suited them admirably and they multiplied at a very rapid rate. The effects of thousands of rabbits burrowing into the sand and eating the top cover soon commenced causing erosion problems. Thomas Waugh, the first Borough Gardener, records that between 1862 and 1886 the change in Sandy Point was striking. The original black surface sand had wholly disappeared from thousands of acres leaving only a few detached flats here and there about the widest part of the ground with the original surface upon them. The sand blew before the westerly and sou-westerly winds, filling lagoons, burying forest and the shrublands and threatening to fill in the Estuary. In 1886, Captain Clare, the Harbourmaster, reported to the Invercargill Borough Council that the river was being injured by the immense quantities of sand being blown into it.

Early records indicate that, in pre-European times there was quite a good depth of water in the New



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Q5. Would you like to speak to Councillors in person about your submission?	No
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Q6. Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	No
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Q7. Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?	Yes
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Q8. Do you represent a club or organisation that currently uses Sandy Point Domain?	No
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Q9. What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?

Please keep sandy Point roads open at all times. I regularly use the are for star gazing. Having the roads closed will significantly impact that as being an option.

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?

The old golf course as a dog friendly environment is great and allows my dogs to explore and roam without worry

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Te Ao Marama Inc.

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

Waihōpai Rūnaka thank the Invercargill City Council for the opportunity to comment on the Sandy Point Management Plan.

Waihōpai Rūnaka seek long term, ki uta ki tai, approach to resource management in Murihiku that is based on a genuine Treaty partnership, recognising and providing for the rights, interests and values of mana whenua, including rangatiratanga. Evidence of this is reflected in the management plan, achieved through consistent engagement with Mana whenua throughout the compilation of the plan.

An objective of Mana whenua is to see waterbodies and land restored to a state of hauora wherever degradation is present, toward the gradual improvement of the domains health over the long-term management approach, supports this key objective being achieved.

Mahinga kai, its importance and its loss, was a major component of the Ngāi Tahu claim negotiations with the Crown (one of the 'Nine Tall Trees of Ngāi Tahu'). It has been described as one of the most emotionally charged elements of the grievance; as a crucial component to the tribal economy and social fabric of tribal and intertribal life, with the goal to restore Hauora, this area that was once abundant with Mahinga Kai, could once again flourish. We support the direction of the Sandy Point Management Plan and look forward to seeing actions on the ground come to fruition.

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

The implementation plan is well balanced and shows a clear direction toward the overall aspirations sought in the Sandy Point Management and Masterplans.

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

No.

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Summary of Submissions - Sandy Point Domain 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?	Council Officer Response	
Submission Number	Name	Organisation	Post code	Would you like to speak to Council about your submission?	Can staff contact you if we have any questions about your submission?	Would you like to receive emails about future consultations?				
	Mrs Sue Osborne	Not answered	9879	Yes	Yes	Yes	Replant shelter belts with fast growing wind-resistant trees around Sandy Point's picnic areas, playgrounds, boat clubs and sports fields.	Address erosion through including rock deposits along river bank adjacent to playground or build steps for children to access river for play. Provide BBQ facilities and a water supply for picnics. Shelter is reinstated.	Retain shelter and ambience. Forestry Pines must be retained in a 20 metre strip around recreational areas and not clear felled	A planting plan and forestry management plan (once developed) will address shelter belts and types of tree species suited to the location in collaboration with forestry and tree planning experts as per policy 8.3.3. Revegetation of native species will be implemented to match the rest of the reserve. Erosion is currently an ongoing
2	Ross Burton	Te Pihiri a Rua Waka Ama Association (Te Tomakangi and Nga Hou e Wha morae)	9810	Yes	Yes	Yes	The shelter provided on the west side of the river is important to them. Big trees help. Supporting the growth and development of this by working with the club because it's an expression of cultural practices and reconnection Recreational Activities Currently Operating' the word club should be plural. There are other clubs for Waka Ama activity and area.	In the long term the club may move to share the other waka clubs facilities but the Powerboat club have rooms that support them. One of their principals Whanaungatanga is to encourage all ages to enjoy the waka experience.	Include plans to develop shelter for Waka Ama next to or near Powerboat Club buildings. The other club, Te Ara A Kiwa, have advised they will not initially have space for the Club's Waka in their development of the old water ski club.	Shelter will be addressed as the implementation plan is rolled out via detailed design and planting plans. The RMP will be amended to incorporate Clubs as plural (Clubs). A proposal has been received to develop a shelter at the Powerboat area and discussions are being made with the parties involved. Council supports multi-use and sharing of facilities which is an objective of the Southland Spaces and Places Strategy which guides funding developments.
3	Suzanne (Sue) Garland	Foveaux Riding Club	9810	Yes	Yes	Yes	The current separate horse riding area is an important facility that should continue as a separate area. Request additional facilities such as trail signs and mobile coverage discussed in previous years.	For safety reasons, the horse riding area needs to be separate from other recreation activity areas such as cycling and dog-walking.	Please ensure this horse riding area remains available.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders. Mobile coverage has been requested and it is currently not a priority for the provider.
4	Sarah Dowie	Oreil Sands User Group	9810	Yes	Yes	Yes	Support Brian Rowe's submission on behalf of the Oreil Sands User Group and his endeavour to elevate responsible dog walkers as a legitimate interest group which is large within the community. Advocates the need for the Council to consider dog walking seriously as a separate recreation activity based on mental health considerations for the section of reserve commonly known as Oreil Sands and include this in the draft management plan. Council should consider dog walking as an important recreational activity and give it weighting including explicitly stating it as a stand-alone activity and making provision for this, within its draft management plan, however not seeking exclusive use.	same as RMP.	same as RMP	The draft has been updated to add dog walking as an activity within Part One - Introduction and Background page 9 and 2.5 Sport and Recreation page 40. It is important to note any dog activity within the Invercargill City boundaries needs to additionally comply with the Dog Bylaw and Policies. 8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change.
5	Maree MacLennan	Not answered	9812	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sandy Point is one of the most unique great safe places to ride horses and would like to bring grandkids in the future.	Not answered.	Hopes Sandy Point is still around in years to come for all to enjoy.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
6	Nicola Oldenhol	Not answered	9874	Yes	Yes	Yes	Great draft including many recreation activities while replanting and developing the area to look after native flora and fauna. Loves that the horse tracks are there as they are well loved, used, and a great way to peacefully enjoy the environment with a positive impact for riders and onlookers alike.	Not answered.	Thank you for all the work put in so far	Council appreciates the feedback.
7	Ein Ruston	Not answered	9871	Yes	Yes	No	Combining the tracks with walkers and mountain bikers, is not a good idea. This will put riders at risk and there are plenty of other areas for these activities. Horse trekking only has one.	Please keep the horse riding areas as they are a vital part of the equestrian community.	Horse riders have been using the horse area for years. It is a vital part of the equestrian community. Notes concern with motorbikes and walkers with dog off leash on the horse tracks. Request horse track signage. Request levelling of the car park. Notes many people use the horse tracks and come from out of town to use them.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
8	Nakasha Holland	Not answered	9879	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hopes the area will continue for years to come and there is a place for horses so riders continue to ride safely without the risk of motorbikes or cyclists scaring horses in the tracks. This area is highly regarded by many horse owners to ride and are naturally very appreciative and lucky to have it.	Horses do need a separate space for safety. If you consider mixing multiple people on horse areas the council will have to install education signs or hold meetings to educate people about how to approach horses eg don't ride close or fast beside them. Keep out of potential kick zone and that in hails other users give way to the horses. The more people use the area the more education is needed.	Raises the high volume of recreational horse riders that use the area not affiliated under a club. Request Council keeps the horse area in plans for the future. Request park ranger based there as the dumped rubbish is a real shame on the road verges and dumped in the bush. Request curbing as response to speeding in the roads.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council acknowledges the high volumes mentioned and is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
9	Georgia Sharplin	Not answered	9801	Yes	Yes	No	Notes facility is a safe place for horse riding and enjoy the Sandy Point area without being at risk from motorbikes or cars. Feels lucky to be using this facility and hopes to continue using it in this way for years to come.	Not answered.	Not answered.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
10	Bruce Halligan	Not answered	9812	Yes	Yes	Yes	Likes the old golf course remaining available for dog walking, notes use by hundreds and a great place to give larger dogs a run round. Notes segregation consideration if multi use to avoid conflicts e.g. dogs and frisbee golf.	Consideration should be given to closing road at Dunns Road intersection at night to mitigate vandalism and antisocial behaviour. Access to residents and clubs could still be available via swipe card or similar. While there would be some initial cost it would rapidly be recouped in reduced damage. Notes large extent of broken glass on playgrounds, fields damaged etc.	Suggests maintaining the mature tree buffer on the west side of the MB tracks if markedly reduces the blazing from the wind. Suggests emphasising more sheltered bush areas.	Detailed site design is part of the implementation of the reserve management plan which will address spatial aspects to integrate activities within this space. Acknowledgement is given to support to close road and mowing rubbish. Sheltered bush and maintenance of the mature tree buffer will be noted as part of the planting plans and forestry development plans for this reserve.
11	Julie Smellie	Foveaux Riding Club	9872	Yes	Yes	Yes	Enjoys safe horse riding tracks in sandy point domain and would hate to have to share these tracks. For safety reasons with other activities such as dog walkers, motorbikes, push bikes.	The Eco Sanctuary area should include access for horse riding.	Requests Signage. Also, for safety purposes, increase the mobile network system in the area	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
12	Anne Melhuish	No	9881	Not answered	Not answered	No	Appreciate the horse riding tracks. Notes possibility to 'share' horse tracks with mountain bike riders and walkers, but tracks should not have motorised vehicles on them.	Not answered.	Not answered.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.

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13	Stacey Jelcoffe	Not answered	9874	Yes	No	Requests keeping horse tracks as is, as only safe access and public spaces for riding in Southland.	Not answered.	Not answered.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foreaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
14	Mary Winsloe	Not answered	9874	Yes	Yes	Enjoys using Sandy point with daughter and grand daughter for 30+ years now.	No dogs or motor bikes please.	Likes having some where to ride horses. Thank you.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foreaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
15	Elena Hamilton	Horse Riding	9810	Yes	Yes	Likes that the area is going to be looked after.	Not answered.	Likes horse riding here, noting it's the only place for horses. Dogs - walkers - bikes etc. have lots of places. Requests ongoing use for safe riding from dogs and bikes.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foreaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
16	Lesley Treweek	Flexible walking group	9810	Yes	Yes	Requests measures are undertaken to counter people racing on gravel roads, noting a near miss with another speeding vehicle around a corner which raises concerns.	Not answered.	Requests adequate provision made for removal of litter discarded by visitors to the area.	One measure is to restrict access at night time. Rubbish is addressed through 9.8.1 and implementation plan. Council will be looking at areas of interest as part of detailed design and further discussions with the community. Speed has been set via the Roading and Traffic Bylaw and it is recommended if you see someone speeding to report this to the police.
17	Jill McCloy	Foreaux Riders	7958	No, answer not	No	That it's fine like it is.	Lots of people ride their horses there.	Would like to continue riding at Sandy Point year round elsewhere is too muddy in winter.	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foreaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders.
18	Sharon Evans	No	9887	Yes	Yes	Sandy Point is a fantastic area that is a valuable asset and enjoyable feature of our region. I would like to see this remain.	Not answered.	Wants dogs at the old Links golf course, noting it as a fantastic resource which is so hugely well utilised and would like to see this continue as is. Uses the horse trekking facilities, noting they are well utilized and loved by many riders and would like to continue for many years. Concerned with motorbikes within horse trails. Horses and trail bikes don't mix and requests more is done to ensure motorbikes are not permitted to access horse areas.	The old Links golf course is earmarked within the Reserve Management Plan as a multi-use area which includes dog walking. Education and ongoing communication with Police to look at motorbikes throughout Invercargill is ongoing.
19	Keith McRobie	The Southland Conservation Board	9710	Yes	Yes	The ICC Parks Planning team are to be commended for their ongoing community and Mana whenua engagement, and the strong focus on enhancing and protecting the native flora and fauna at Sandy Point. This site is Southland's largest Recreation Reserve and acts as a natural coastal buffer to Invercargill City. Active and Passive recreational use is encouraged, consolidated and defined zones established.	The draft Implementation Plan has a defined list of achievable targets matched with realistic time frames.	The tiered parks management process taken by ICC with the initial Masterplan, then Reserves Management Plan and Implementation Plan is really the model all other councils should follow.	Council appreciates the feedback.
20	KATE BRIGGS	No	9810	Yes	No	Notes the importance of the tracks staying separate, horse tracks, mountain bike tracks, walking dog tracks. Multi use tracks are dangerous, noting concern with dog owners letting dogs off leash run of dogs and not understanding horses.	Concerned with dangers of multi tracks, noting they need to be for one chosen discipline only. Horse riders have no where else in Southland to ride but at Sandy Point and it needs to be safe from dog walkers, mountain bikes and motor bikes.	Please keep these horse tracks to horse tracks only, they are unsafe with public on them that don't have any understanding of horses, unsafe to the public, the riders and the horses. We don't have anywhere else to ride in Southland, this is it for alot of riders!	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foreaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders. The community is encouraged to report this activity to the police to ensure it is being recorded.
21	Joseph Roberts	Southland Astronomical Society	9810	Yes	Yes	Ensure Dark Skies consistent lighting and improved site infrastructure. Encouraged to see the draft RMP has policies under several sections dealing with ensuring light pollution is kept to a minimum where possible and directly mentioning Dark Skies consistent lighting. Respect and understand the need to improve the accessibility. With climate change impacting on coastlines and current access routes, the future the exploration of new roadways related policies being 8.2.1.2, page 63), namely the potential extension of Pit Road is a great idea. Concerned roadway improvements may include new streetlights and impact light pollution. Do not want to see safety compromised. request Dark Sky consistent lighting, including lighting of routes (policy 8.2.3.2 (1) page 64), sports fields and racing areas. Requests draft RMP and ICC provide for the ongoing and fit for purpose maintenance on ICC owned buildings.	Nothing specific in the Implementation Plan differs from what has been stated in point 9.	Not answered.	Council does not want to compromise safety of users and therefore will ensure that any lighting installed is at the minimum required for safety of users as set by relevant Council departments. 8.2.2.2 ensures that lighting is compatible with the use of the area and activities and infrastructure supports Dark Skies, especially where the Astronomical Society is based. General Policies RMP provides for the ongoing and fit for purpose maintenance on ICC owned buildings.
22	Edwin (Eddie) Philp Haswell Wood	Pacific Ave Crib Site	9812	Yes	Yes	As a 40 year lease holder of a crib site, is aware crib sites are classified as non-conforming with management policies of the Domain and future status is under review. Aware of the proposal to provide a fixed term lease of 21+7+7 renewal and that any increases in the licence fee be aligned to annual % rate increase for the City. Supports 3.2.3.2	No	No	Council appreciates the feedback.
23	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT)	HNZPT	9059	No, answer not	Not answered	Supports referencing of recorded archaeological sites and not explicitly identifying them. HNZPT is satisfied the Plan takes into effect to 56 of the RMA 1991. Reminds ICC of the archaeological provisions and obligations in the HNZPTA. HNZPT recommends that the plan directly notes the HNZPTA under the archaeology paragraph 6.3 Ngā uara ahurea, ā-tūtanga iho hoki/Cultural and heritage values. HNZPT suggest adding a sentence "Protection and management of archaeological sites are regulated by HNZPT under HNZPTA 2014. The permission of HNZPT must be sought prior to the modification, damage or destruction of any archaeological site, whether the site is unrecorded or has been previously recorded." HNZPT commends Council for the proposed implementation and maintenance of interpretation panels within the reserve. HNZPT is supportive that ICC work in partnership with papatipu rūnanga to identify and manage cultural landscapes and heritage within Sandy Point Domain, particularly the values and aspirations expressed in the manawhenua table within the proposed plan. HNZPT supports this mechanism for supporting heritage conservation protection. The Plan should reinforce any commitment to, and process for, working in partnership with rūnanga and how this will factor into decision making.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Propose to add requested text under section 6.3 and as a policy.
24	Edith and Brian McDonagh	Coopers Creek	Not answered	Yes		Question: why freehold of coopers creek was not referenced in the draft. don't support the removal of the council acquisition policy of cribs at coopers creek. Notes elected members must strive to seek evidence based facts. They submit that coopers creek can continue to exist in perpetuity of s 44 (1) (e) of Reserves Act 1977 and all that is required is to permit the existence of the village, eliminating the need to freehold. Submits appendices stating their use of land and legal right to be there. Concerned about unknown grass and risk of fire and do not support access restrictions and proposal of new loop road. Question why coopers creek was left out of history heritage and culture of the plan.	Not answered.	Not answered.	The freehold proposal has been addressed in a parallel process, where at a Council Meeting held on 24 September 2024, it was resolved that the land would remain as recreation reserve status. The new loop road is not planned within the next ten years. Acknowledges concern on unknown grass and risk of fire. Acknowledges objection to restricted access. The whole document has been kept concise, with additional information included as appendices to ensure it is not too lengthy. Coopers Creek is mentioned as part of the Ngāi Tahu Association and is also noted as a place name in the appendices.

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25	Kery Hapuku and Rob McMundo	Coopers Creek	Not answered	Yes	No	Not answered	Questions why freehold proposal was not included in the draft Plan and request the plan is updated to the correct wording that existed prior to the Domain becoming a reserve and the narrative by parks and recreation staff be addressed. Note the Domain's look and that there is lack of evidence to show potential climate change and sea level rise, adding nothing has been done to mitigate the erosion by the playground. Note there should be no restricted access to roads across the Domain, raising fire and emergency issues and access for recreation. Notes multi use tracks don't work with dogs, horses walkers and bike riders and there is room for different recreation uses to have separate facilities. They are prepared to park their request for freehold if the area is defined in the plan as an exemption under 5.44(1)(a) to allow for coopers creek cribs. If not they request their revocation proposal is included in the plan.	Not answered.	Not answered.	The freehold proposal has been addressed in a parallel process, where at a Council Meeting held on 24 September 2024, it was resolved that the land would remain as recreation reserve status. Emergency vehicles can still access roads that have barriers to them at night and this is not uncommon of other public spaces around New Zealand. 8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders and bakers to use their current spaces and this does not intend to change. Multi-use areas are supported by Council and as part of the implementation plan, Council will work with groups to address specific sites of interest.	
26	Dennis Fareilly	Yes	9872	Yes	No	Not answered.		Not answered.	requests horse tracks are kept available for riding	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change.	
27	Foveaux Riding Club	Yes	Not answered	Yes	Yes	Yes	Raises concerns about dogs, bikes and motorbikes in the horse riding area and requests separating them from horse riders. Request eco sanctuary area to include horses and request signs and colour code tracks.	Not answered.		8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change. Council is working with representatives of the Foveaux Riding Club to investigate education, wayfinding, signage and associated infrastructure for horse riders. The community is encouraged to report this activity to the police to ensure it is being recorded.	
28	Lloyd Esler	Not answered	9879	Yes	No	Not answered	Provides historic detail and suggests status quo for Coopers Creek. Does not agree with closing some access roads to vehicles. Supports dark skies and an improved visitor centre, climate change education and mitigation and efforts to restore and enhance biodiversity as long as it is realistic and carefully planned. Supports continuation of forestry where profitable. Fire is not considered and suggests manorion ponds be reinstated and an evacuation and fire-lighting strategy be put in place. Disagrees with 10.4 p97 statement about some names having no historic foundation and notes spelling mistakes within flora and fauna species lists, also suggests a bibliography being useful.	Not answered.		Acknowledges status quo request and objection to closing access roads, noting that Council is not closing roads, but restricting access at night time to vehicles. This does not stop pedestrians and people with preapproval to enter them. Council will work with fire and emergency to understand emergency requests. Acknowledges support of multiple topics. Acknowledges suggestion of evacuation and fire-lighting strategy, which will be part of the fire plan. The intention is to remove appendices and spill them up to flora and fauna species lists etc. can be updated as needed as separate documents. A bibliography is not needed for this document.	
29	Brian Rowe, representing 259 people listed in appendix to submission	Oreli Sands User		Yes	No	Not answered	Supports Oreli Sands to be used as a multi-use recreational hub with the focus being as a Premier Dog Friendly Destination. Request inserting 'dog walking' in 1.0 and 2.5, suggest change wording on page 62 to development of a dog friendly multi-use area'. Notes there is no explanation on what areas of ecological significance means. request changing wording of 8.1.1.2 to 'to permit horse riding and mountain biking within the domain on current designated areas. Brans on page 50 where mts and sled dogs noted as leased and they are not. Request addressing lupin and laying up phrasing suggested.	Not answered.	request Oreli Sands has maintained open spaces for sport and recreation, more tracks for people to walk side by side. That are of a standard one can push a pram. Requests invasive weeds are removed and controlled and can provide input on the layout of Oreli Sands and surrounding areas. Suggest there is a contractor to clear pest plants and mow grass for forageage. Friends of Oreli Sands is suggested to do working bees.	Most of the 2000 hectare reserve is labelled 'dog friendly' already as per the ICC Dog Policy and Dog Bylaw. Proposing to add dog walking to 1.0 and 2.5. Ecological significance reference relates to the District Plan layer illustrating multiple areas of Sandy Point Domain as areas of significant biodiversity. Maintenance and development of walking tracks are required to meet NZ standards, however informal trails can be addressed as part of the detailed design for this space. Pest plants and other nuisance plants identified are part of the implementation plan to identify the best approach to take within the budget allocated. Council is open to developing a documented agreement with Friends of Oreli Sands representatives.	
30	Christine Smith	Coopers Creek	7050	Yes	No	Not answered	Strongly support the Policy 9.3.2, Number 11, Page 78 - "Residential occupants of the Domain with an annual licence to occupy will be granted a 21-year licence to occupy with a right of renewal of seven years plus seven years with the right to transfer to a third party for the remaining period to a maximum of 35 years." Notes history comments and areas across multiple pages, questions use of images and submit that closure of roads will reduce public use and presence in the Domain.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Acknowledges support and comments, noting the draft is being re-read for errors and any typos will be rectified prior to adding graphics. Images were taken in 2024 and anything outside of that can easily be replaced if needed. Advises that roads will not be closed for the duration of this reserve management plan. They are prepared to be restricted at the south of the reserve at night to vehicles. However this does not limit people with prior approval from accessing e.g. residents, events.	
31	Jeff Smith	Coopers Creek	Not answered	Yes	No	Not answered	1. Increase scheduled mowing to beautify the area and remove hazards un-mowed areas create. 2. Restoration of the monument area is desirable. 3. Restricting or closing any part of the road network contradicts the recreation classification. 4. Improving the roads is desirable. Chip sealing the gravel roads would be ideal. 5. Create recreation opportunities, don't restrict them. 6. Climate change apprehension should be tempered by facts. 7. Climate change has not impacted roads and therefore does not justify closure. 8. "Projected impacts at the domain are projected to be less severe than other Invercargill locations." 9. Some term other than non-conforming should be used to describe the residential areas. 10. Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 on page 51 describe residential areas negatively and require a complete rewrite. 11. Please reinstate a suitable freehold permitting policy that is fit for purpose. 12. Commercial forestry is not only viable, but also the only realistic path forward if native bush is desired. 13. A second sealed access road make no sense given the poor route and cost to build. 14. If futureproofing become necessary, raise short sections of the existing road above the risk height. 15. Pest control is happening but needs to be ramped up to achieve eradication. 16. Historic picnic sites should be reopened and better maintained. 17. The track network should be fully signposted and designated to specific uses to avoid accidents. 18. Return the ranger house to the domain and reinstate onsite '24/7' coverage. 19. Parks Dept should not be given blanket approval to manage the area autonomously. 20. Any closure or restriction should be fully and transparently open for public submission.	Not answered.	Not answered	1. Increase scheduled mowing will come at an increased operational cost and maintenance will be in line with mowing standards for environmental spaces 2. Restoration of the monument area can be considered as part of the implementation plan 3. Restricting any part of the road network for vehicles at night means those with prior approval can access as needed, increasing safety of visitors and is in line with other reserves nationally 4. Improving the roads will be assessed with Council's infrastructure department and as part of the implementation plan 5. Acknowledged 6. Climate change apprehension is tempered by evidence collected through Great South and Environment Southland. 7. Climate change is foreseen to impact roads and therefore does justify closure in combination with costs to maintain roads, however there are no plans to do this over the next ten years. 8. Acknowledged 9. Non-conforming is used to describe buildings that have no direct relationship with the purpose of the reserve with classified use of the area. This is noted in General Policies Reserve Management Plan Policy 6.11. It has also been applied to other buildings on other reserves. 10. Paragraphs 2, 3 on page 51 are considered adequate and paragraph 5 will be looked at again 11. Council no longer allows freehold permits on reserve land for health and safety reasons 12. Acknowledged 13. A second sealed access road is not currently planned for over the term of this management plan 14. Any changes to the road will require significant cost and will align with legal requirements 15. Acknowledged. 16. Acknowledged and part of implementation plan 17. Acknowledged and part of implementation plan 18. Rangers visit Sandy Point twice a day to monitor the area. Police presence is also administered regularly, especially in the summer at high use times and they encourage people to call them with any issues they believe the police should be	
32	Nicola Stout	Disc Golf South	9814	Yes	Yes	Yes	Request Oreli Sands area is a multi-use space. Disc Golf south believes this area has the potential to host a disc golf course in the future that would be enjoyed by many people of different ages and backgrounds and skill levels.	Not answered.	Disc golf is an activity that enables people to take part in a low impact activity that appeals to many in the community. DGS request a course to be installed in the future in this area.		
33	Andrew Fleming	Disc Golf South member	9876	Yes	Yes	No	Request championship disc golf course be included in the multi-use area. Note the course is low maintenance and request the area not be overgrown as it currently is near footways so people aren't losing discs.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Disc Golf Course will be further considered through detailed design of this space and maintenance of the 60 hectare area will be prioritised through the maintenance plan, depending on budget and resources.	

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34	Joseph Ball	No	9814	Yes	Yes	Not answered.	Not answered.	Request consideration of the disc golf course, noting almost no environmental impact. If I take pressure off the heavily used Queens Park course too. Adds there is no downside and a huge upside.	Disc golf is a supported activity at Sandy Point Domain, noting detailed design will help clarify any concerns or questions before providing formal approval.
35	Jaden	Not answered	9812	Yes	No	Request disc golf at Oreli Links. Suggests in future years after some growth Oreli Links building could be made into a clubhouse and a sought after area to visit	Not answered	Not answered.	Disc golf is a supported activity at Sandy Point Domain, noting detailed design will help clarify any concerns or questions before providing formal approval.
36	Dallas Bradley	No	9879	Yes	Yes	Notes will include 2023 Masterplan submission within this submission. Notes the 2023 Masterplan is more specific and explicit than the draft Reserve Management Plan. Notes the Masterplan submission process informed the draft Management Plan and implicitly made parts of the Masterplan redundant (for example parts that related to activities on the Oreli River) but it is difficult to know the totality of what parts are still relevant and what parts are not. Suggests reference to the Masterplan is done away with on Pages 54 - 63 and parts of the Masterplan that are still relevant are specifically incorporated into the draft Management Plan.	Most of it appears quite sound but it refers to a lot of process which will result in unknown outcomes rather than referring to specific outcomes.	More information attached.	The Masterplan is the overarching strategy for the reserve and the Reserve Management Plan is the 10 year implementation which is why parts have transitioned over to reinforce or show key information required in both documents. References made to the Masterplan on pages 56-63 are required to remain to ensure the documents are talking to each other and proposed actions can be implemented.
37	Wendy Findlay	Active Southland	9879	Yes	Yes	Key plans and milestones: Place-making, Wayfinding, Cultural Narrative and Design/ Signage as well as development of proposed multi-sport / community hubs can and should be delivered in the next 1-5 years to ensure elevated levels of community use. We believe early intervention and improved time frames will have a positive impact on safety of the site. If Sandy point becomes a thriving community asset due to increased user numbers and more positive interactions, greater activation and as a result greater positive surveillance (CPTED principles) it is likely there will be a reduction in antisocial behaviour. Believe long timeframes present a risk to the success of the implementation. This is a generational project and needs to be delivered in a timely manner. Understand environment change, and resilience will take time.	Specific mention of Active Transport through the reserve and its connectivity into the city. Better connection and safety improvements within the reserve would be beneficial for those walking or cycling. Active Recreation: positive to see there is focus on inclusion/ universal access and general improvements to the offering for walking, cycling, and running, provides safety and increased visitor experience. Park Furniture: further focus needs placed on the proactive renewal, maintenance, and capital expenditure to there is adequate provision of shelter, natural shelter, shade, seating, access to drinking water and toilets. Play: want to see a greater focus on play, suggests broader understanding of play concepts built into the Management Plan including all generations play, and the value of intergenerational play. Universal Design: principles need to be implemented across the reserve with a key focus on the active recreation opportunities and bathrooms/ changing space without covered. Crime and Activation: ensuring opportunities to implement CPTED principles are utilised with a focus on activating spaces to prevent crime and vandalism. Climate change: Great to see some comprehensive planning around environmental sustainability, sea level rise and inundation. Club Rooms: the current facilities are well used and in moderate – poor condition with plans to improve the facilities currently being explored. Any development must align with insights and community data while linking with both the Southland Sports Field Strategy and the Southland Spaces and Places Strategy. Key points to consider: • Environmental change and pressure. • Any new facility meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse user group, including Women and Girls, Elders, and Disabled People. • Meeting the social demand of the user groups, ensure flexibility and multi-use spaces are considered. • Ensuring there is enough gender neutral / flexible changing space provided to cater for all users. • Enough storage spaces for user groups, especially when multi-use is considered optimal. • Provision of quality lighting to ensuring better use and provision of sport fields.	Existing Strategies: It is important that the Sandy Point Management Plan has strong alignment to and links with the Southland Sports Fields Strategy, Spaces & Places Strategy, the Danavon Park Management Plan as well as any developments at other reserves such as: Queens, Waverly, Surrey, and Rugby Park.	Points raised are acknowledged and covered via the General Policies RMP and within the implementation plan for the Sandy Point Domain RMP. Spaces and Places Strategy will be referenced. Milestones and delivery of actions are acknowledged and while they are also a priority, Council requires funds and resources to ensure they are met. A governance group to oversee the milestones will benefit and the Sports Field Strategy, amongst other key documents and legislation are references to ensure they align with each other. Types of play are addressed through General Policies Reserve Management Plan, Play Strategy and at operational levels within the reserve management plan.
38	Jordan Trill	No	9812	Yes	Yes	Section 1.5.1.5 (pg. 17): The area covering the lagoons and ephemeral wetlands are recognised as a significant biodiversity area due to the coastal tussockland feature as outlined in the district plan overlay. Native flora is predominately Chionochloa rubra (Red tussock), Carex geminata, Phormium tenax and Cordyline australis. The tussockland is the predominant vegetation type here, requests including. Some areas recovering have bracken, Muehlenbeckia complexa and Muehlenbeckia australis. Muehlenbeckia australis does not naturally occur in Southland. Section 1.5.1.10.4 (pg. 30) Likes the inclusion of recent research and updated information. Fernbirds have been confirmed as having a resident population as of 2024 in the interior of the domain. Correct the assumption that fernbird presence is a result of floodland returning. The fernbird population surveyed was through the tussockland area, and not through floodland.	Not answered	The tussockland between Silver Lagoon and the dunes is a significant ecosystem type which could be better recognised in the management plan. It's encouraging to see a planned walkway through this area (appendix 3). The tussockland is part of an ephemeral wetland complex between Silver Lagoon and the coastal dunes. ecosystem type is different. the approach for creating resilience and restoration plans would be different here than in the silver lagoon area. Phormium tenax and Cordyline australis are not appropriate reference plants in this ecosystem type – suggests Chionochloa rubra in the low areas, and grey scrub species (mingimingi) on the dune crest. Include recent vegetation surveys (Wildlands in 2022) as an appendix. Suggest having a mix of current and historic fauna and flora surveys.	Acknowledged, noting that 1.5.1.5 will update with noting the tussockland is part of an ephemeral wetland complex between Silver Lagoon and coastal dunes. Will reference plants as Chionochloa rubra in low areas and grey scrub species (mingimingi) on dune crest. Will update to acknowledge some areas recovering have bracken, Muehlenbeckia complexa and Muehlenbeckia australis and remove Muehlenbeckia australis. Due to keeping the size of the document down, Wildlands 2022 has been referenced for people to look at separately.
39	Kathryn Obens (Kathleen Beaton Obens)	CC3 Disability Action	9810	Yes	Yes	Thank staff, Councillors and consultants who have been involved in the consultation process providing information and listening to the large amount of feedback provided by the different groups and the public utilising this unique reserve. Notes many voices were heard and the biggest outcome is that the aim and future goal is to create an inclusive and accessible environment for everyone to explore and appreciate this valuable reserve/domain.	Accessibility assessment for spaces and places in the domain features throughout the plan and this is positive for the disabled community as well as for seniors and young families. Updating infrastructure to suit everyone's needs e.g. toileting, access to fresh water and seating such as benches and picnic tables is another positive. Developing Fostender park is also a positive, making it family friendly. Asks the possibility to include accessible play equipment at Fostender and the playground down by the boat club area/ramp. Supports developing an updated visitor centre. Safety and Security lists positive actions to improve and protect this area and shows how clubs and the public can assist in this area. Utilising the public/ volunteers under the guidance of council staff and DOC (the experts) to help look after and protect species. Their habitats and ecosystems will ensure public pride in our also reserve/domain. Proud to share with visitors/tourists. Pleased to all see the sections being developed regarding activities requiring authorisation.	Well done to everyone who has worked on the implementation plan.	Accessible play equipment for Fostender and by the Waka Ama building will be a consideration to undertake in collaboration with Disability Groups.

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40	Penelope Rouse	Oreli Sands User Group	9874	Yes	Yes	Represented by Oreli Sands User Group	Represented by Oreli Sands User Group	Always people using it and always out there riding horses. Doesn't want to lose this fantastic recreational playground	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change.	
41	Kerstin Price	Foveaux Riding Club	9874	Yes	Yes	Represented by Oreli Sands User Group	Represented by Oreli Sands User Group	I ride my horse out there regularly. Had a close relationship with the Park Ranger to supervise the domain. Always people out there using the domain	8.1.1.2.2. allows for horse riders to use their current space and this does not intend to change.	
42	Hene Tresidder	Foveaux Riding Club and SP Horse Users Group.	9872	Yes	Yes	Thinks it's great there's some structure to the area going forward. Saddened by the current state of the place. The broom, blackberry and no mow policy. Thinks unridy areas attract unridy people and seeing a lot more of that. Thinks there are more undesirables out there now and horse riders often feel unsafe both with aggressive people in cars and motorbikes on the horse tracks. Has submitted a proposal for a mapped area for horse riding. Would like to continue riding along firebreaks and winding to the point and back along the beach. It's such a treasured space out there for horse riders and like the idea that the area is going to be 'looked after' and used by numerous activities. The one thing that is not compatible with horses is off lead dogs, motorbikes and cyclists and so far them to have their own designated areas is a good thing. Motorbikes are an issue and have been reported to the police numerous times. There's been several cases of unleashed dogs attacking horses who dump their riders then bolt off. Maintenance of the area is important and the horse tracks are getting over grown with branches now.	Doesn't think the loop road is good for flooding horses to the horse area. Likes the idea of native planting. Concerned with toilets being vandalised. Thinks freedom camping should be in the paddock beside the current information centre. Requests a speed restrictions especially where there are children and horses. Likes the idea of security and safety. Concerned with vandalism to horse flocks numerous times and suggests monitor with security camera of the area. Supports facilitating partnerships	It's a fabulous area and all those who use it responsibly treasure it. Notes more signage to let people know the different areas like the mountain bike club. We love it out here for horses. It's the only place we can go in this part of the county. People travel from Central Otago and Otago to ride there. I don't think people are aware of how many people use the horse area as it's not well known that there was 4000 spectators at the annual rodeo held at the Western Equine Centre last year and this year (8 Feb) there is 500 competitors alone. If we get near the same number of spectators this year it's a huge number alongside the Burt Munro event at the same time. We would love to see more trees cleared to enlarge our parking at the rodeo.	Sandy Point Domain is managed as an environmental area, however Council is working towards effective pest plant management and will continue to do so. Council will continue working with recreation horse riders on wayfinding, signage and support for the activity. Acknowledges request to remove trees of rodeo and requests further conversation with Rodeo Club. Speed restrictions are addressed through policy 8.2.1.2.1 and the loop road is not anticipated within this reserve management plan. Council will investigate freedom camping opportunities if demand requires it.	
43	Jynley escott	Not answered	9812	Yes	Yes	I want to be presented by Brian Rowe/Oreli Sands Users group.	I want to be presented by Brian Rowe/Oreli Sands Users group.	no.	Acknowledged.	
44	Marcus Roy	Southland Mountain Bike Club	9872	Yes	Yes	The Southland Mountain Bike Club (Club) represents approximately 500 affiliated club members and advocates on behalf of a significant number of unaffiliated recreational and competitive users who utilise the mountain bike facilities and trails within the Domain. The Club support the free open public access nature of the mountain bike area as it provides accessible facilities and enables the community to discover and enjoy the benefits of mountain biking. The Mountain Bike Area of the Domain is currently part of the commercial plantation forest that is harvested on a rotational basis. The Club supports the masterplan and suggest some minor changes to improve the workability and the experience within the Domain. The Eco Park concepts are supported in the Domain. The establishment of indigenous plantings throughout the Domain will support broader biodiversity enhancement and improve the amenity of the Domain. Additional indigenous vegetation areas or pockets should also be established throughout the Domain in order to support ecological hopping points for bird species and opportunities to disperse seeds. Indigenous vegetation should also be promoted for shelter belts, amenity planting and perimeter planting around exotic forestry plantations. This long-term planting strategy would enable various indigenous species to establish over a long term and would provide ongoing shelter to recreational activities and commercial forestry in the future there could be a Hatches Hill type of mixed use bush trail though mature indigenous forest around the entire Domain. The Club support a future dual use trail around the Domain as outlined in the Draft Management Plan. A large non-motorised recreational loop has the potential to become a tourism opportunity and draw in regional and national visitors. There are some great spaces within the Domain that are largely under utilised (such as Silver Lagoon) and improved access would enable more of the community to appreciate these spaces. The Draft Management Plan talks about "recreational offering" within the Domain. The Club consider that the Management Plan should also reflect "competitive offerings" within the Domain and the benefits these bring to Invercargill and the broader Region. Competitive activities are a major domestic tourism drawcard for Invercargill whether it is motorsport, rowing, Saturday sport, or mountain biking events. These activities draw in visitors who support local businesses within the city. The Club supports all policies in the Draft Management Plan. Policy 8.1.1.2(2) which states "to permit horses and mountain bikes within the domain on current designated tracks provided they respect environmental values" could be improved. The Club suggest changes to strengthen this policy to restrict access to some activities in order to manage potential user conflict and the Management Plan should provide for restricting access in certain situations. The Club suggests a new policy be established to discourage antisocial behaviour within the Domain such as 4WDs making mud holes and motor bikes accessing areas that they are not compatible with. There are ongoing instances where vehicles are destroying recreational values and being unsafe within the Domain. Some greater emphasis is needed in the Draft Implementation plan to discourage these activities. The Club supports the development of a multi-use facility on the Domain and would likely utilise a facility if it was located in close proximity to the mountain bike tracks. The Club is keen to make more use of the facilities at the former Oreli Sands Golf Club, and see the opportunity for connecting trails to the Mountain bike area.	Some as RMP.	Not answered.	Policy 8.1.1.2(2) will remain as they are amongst significant ecological areas. Acknowledge long term planning suggestion and would like to investigate competitive opportunities as part of the branding action noted within the implementation plan. As part of the detailed design of Oreli Links, mountain bike trails could be considered. Motorised vehicles are addressed within the General Policies Reserve Management Plan 2023 and Council will continue to educate.	
45	Kathina Robertson	Southland Pony Club (Invercargill Kennington Ponyclub)	9872	Yes	Yes	Agrees with the idea of consolidating like uses to have more efficient use of land and facilities; great idea to improve biodiversity and ecological restoration, whilst still allowing public access to these areas - don't want to lose the horse tracks though. Great idea to have a bigger visitor pavilion with more signage/information available, and I support telling the stories of the area	Thinks the Implementation Plan is outlined well with its timelines, groups or agencies to involve and timeframe to achieve the actions. In terms of actions - accessibility: the horse/foot park for Children's track could do with being levelled out to make it flatter for parking/easier for getting the horses and ponies down the ramps - toilets: if possible to have a toilet at the horse/foot car park please? - cellphone coverage: it would be great to improve this - issues with motorbikes who seem to think they can honk around the horse tracks especially when you have little people on ponies. Also use the Equestrian Centre for ponyclub and events and appreciate having this facility which can be used all year round due to the sandy soil - use tracks for walking and running as well e.g. Forbender Park and Hatches Hill and enjoy being able to access these areas - starting to use the mountain bike tracks and really appreciate their accessibility and availability as well - support less mowing on areas that don't require it e.g. like was tidied in the city last year, though I think it was a great idea - having a governance group and/or landcare/community group overseeing the management of the area is a great idea - having outdoor adventure opportunities is a great idea. This would be great for schools to use, also businesses for team bonding activities	Grateful to have the Sandy Point area available to spend time there as a family in a variety of ways - walking and running on tracks, taking on the mountain bike tracks and small track in the front by the car park, riding on the horse tracks and at the Equestrian Centre and also going to the beach. Pleased there is a management plan process underway to ensure there is efficient and safe use of these areas to continue to utilise and enjoy for years to come	Mobile coverage has been requested and it is currently not a priority for the provider. Council does not see the need to have two toilets within 100m of each other. Council will be working closely with the equestrian community as per the first action of the implementation plan to determine aspirations for trail use, signage and wayfinding and amenity support.	
46	Rewa Costar	No	7473	Yes	Yes	Fully supports improvements to access to the point and is against the proposal to close the road or impede access, not least because of the real risk it poses to the small but instrumental resident population on the point	Not answered.	Not answered.	The road will not be closed, however vehicle access will be restricted and pre-approved users allowed through at night.	

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47	Jacob Yee on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand	Fire and Emergency New Zealand	6011	Yes	Not answered	Not answered	Suggests considering the impacts of fire risks that can occur due to droughts and wildfires. The Draft RMP fails to recognise the necessity of ensuring that there is adequate supply of firefighting water. To recognise 'fire' as a climate change risk in Section 1.5.1.4 Climate Change. Fire and Emergency are available to help with information on how climate change will likely affect Sandy Point area. Amend Policy 8.2.1.2 (3): - As resources become available, investment on roads will be prioritised by need and minimum provision requirements according to use and fire and emergency services, and ensuring consultation occur with emergency service providers. Amend Policy 8.2.4.2 (5) Council supports the location of civil defence, emergency management, emergency services and public safety signage on the domain. Amend Policy 8.2.4.2 (7) Civil defence emergency management, emergency services and public safety signage is allowed on the Domain provided Council approval location. Add a new policy under Section 8.3.4.2: - 9. Develop and maintain a Fire Plan to incorporate elements of fire risk management including, but not limited to, risk monitoring, review and reporting, response to wildfire, activity restrictions, communication and signage to ensure awareness of current risks, first responders site plan (access, water supplies etc) and evacuation plan. Add a new policy under Section 8.3.4.2 - Identify vegetation management necessary across the Park to manage fire risk including a preference for planting low flammability vegetation. This could include identifying other vegetation management necessary such as tree removal and/or pruning.	Under Unique Visitor Experience: Objective: Enhance and encourage public access into and through all public areas of the Domain. - Action: "The sealed loop road development as part of re-designating the main thoroughfare south off Durris Road, will be reassessed in collaboration with Council's Infrastructure team and the Police appropriate emergency service organisations to understand feasibility, safety measures, timeline and costs." Objective: To improve safety and security. Action: - Encourage clubs and organisations to inform police appropriate emergency services and Council on concerns. - Action: Continue collaboration with ongoing police, and ranger monitoring patrols and other emergency service organisations. Under Build Environmental Resilience: Objective: To manage significant risks from natural and manmade hazards to park users and assets in accordance with national and regional policy. - Action: Native planting, low flammability planting and smarter forestry operations	Not answered.	Will include fire impacts in climate change section 1.5.1.4, and acknowledges policy amendments and development requests. Will incorporate amendments into implementation plan. Fire Plan will be developed for the forestry estate. There is no intention of including low flammability specifically in the Reserve Management Plan however it will be considered as part of all planting plans.
48	Niki Broad	Coopers Creek	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered	Not answered	Questions why the history included in past management plans has been excluded from the present draft? Acknowledges the history associated with coopers creek. Notes information boards, regular mowing including of coopers creek. Encourages the development of a community group that supports outcomes in the reserve.	Not answered	Welcomes forming a positive tie with local iwi.	There is an abundance of historic context that a book could be written on the history of Sandy Point Domain and the native vegetation situated there. Acknowledges community group and notes that the governance group (implementation plan) will be able to support outcomes in the reserve.
49	Phil	No	9812	Yes	No	Yes	Requests keeping Sandy Point roads open at all times, noting road closure may impact access for star gazing.	Not answered	The old golf course as a dog friendly environment is great and allows my dogs to explore and roam without worry.	Road closure is not anticipated during the term of this reserve management plan, vehicle restrictions to the south end of the Domain are being proposed at night time unless pre-approved.
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50	Steve Rose Blair and Reta Hakiwa	Te Ao Mārama	9810	Yes	Yes	Yes	Management Plan reflects long term, ki uta ki tai, approach to resource management in Murihiku that is based on a genuine Treaty partnership, achieved through consistent engagement with mana whenua through the compilation of the plan. Management Plan supports the objective to see waterbodies and land restored towards the gradual improvement of the Domain's health and support the direction of the Management Plan and actions coming to fruition. Note the importance and loss of mahinga kai through the Ngā Tahu claim negotiations with the crown which caused grievance.	The implementation plan is well balanced and shows a clear direction toward the overall aspirations sought in the Sandy Point Management and Masterplans.	No.	Acknowledges the submission and will continue to work in partnership with Te Ao Marama and Randa on implementing actions.
51	Environment Southland	Environment Southland	Not answered	Yes	Not answered	Not answered	Recommendations: a. That the Sandy Point Domain's ecosystems are enhanced by active regeneration with locally sourced Southland appropriate indigenous species. b. That Invercargill City Council lead the ecological enhancement and pest management work with volunteers in support to transition away from commercial forestry to indigenous vegetation within the area identified in the Plan. c. That areas of indigenous ecology should be established throughout the Domain to support indigenous species diversity and distribution. d. Indigenous vegetation should be considered in the first instance when replanting or establishing shelter for recreational activities and as boundary planting for exotic forestry. e. Investigate alternative revenue streams to support desirable outcomes within the Sandy Point Domain. f. That Invercargill City Council use broad criteria to evaluate the impacts and options for future biosolid waste disposal practices within Sandy Point Domain. g. That a climate adaptation plan be developed for the Sandy Point Domain which seeks to implement green infrastructure and managed retreat as preferred options. h. That Invercargill City Council establish long term management plan to contain and remediate the hazardous activities within the Domain.	Not answered.	Not answered.	Recommendations a and d are covered sufficiently within section 8.3 of the reserve management plan. Recommendations b, c, and e will be incorporated into section 8.3 of the reserve management plan. Recommendations b, e and f will be incorporated into the implementation plan


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Consultation Collateral

1. Public Notice
2. Posters, Signs
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1. Public Notice placed on 9 November 2024 and 25 January 2025



**DRAFT SANDY POINT DOMAIN
RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Council has approved the draft of the Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan for release to the public for comment.

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This notice was first advertised on Saturday 9 November, 2024.

For more information on the draft 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 and Letter Drops

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The poster features the Invercargill City Council logo at the top left, with the website letstalk.icc.govt.nz and a megaphone icon to its right. The main title, 'Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan', is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, the question 'Have we got this right?' is in white, followed by 'Let us know what you think' in white. A speech bubble on the left contains the text 'Scan the QR code below for more information and to make an online submission', with an orange arrow pointing to a QR code. A speech bubble on the right states 'Submissions are due by 4pm, 31 January 2025'. The background is a light blue sky with clouds, a yellow sun, and a stylized illustration of the Sandy Point Domain landscape, including a river, fields, and a coastal town with buildings and a bridge.

Invercargill CITY COUNCIL letstalk.icc.govt.nz

Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

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13 November 2024

Sandy Point Domain Crib Site Licence Holders
Invercargill

Kia ora

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Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline Rain".

Caroline Rain
MANAGER – PARKS AND RECREATION
Invercargill City Council

5. Submission Form

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Draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan

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Over the past 18 months, Council has been working closely with mana whenua, clubs, licence holders, key stakeholder organisations and members of the wider community to produce a 30-50-year vision and direction for Sandy Point Domain. After the Masterplan was completed, Council asked the community to use it as their guiding document to 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 draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan.

The draft Reserve Management Plan identifies the community's desired mix of uses and values for

the Domain and sets in place policies for Council to administer day-to-day management. The Implementation Plan is a working document and the detail will enable development within the Reserve Management Plan to occur.

Copies of the draft Sandy Point Domain Reserve Management Plan, and the draft Implementation Plan are available on Let's Talk or via request to parks.recreation@icc.govt.nz

Please visit Let's Talk letstalk.icc.govt.nz/sandypoint-domain-management-plan for more information and to make an online submission, or use the form overleaf.



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Make a submission

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Share your thoughts on the Draft Sandy Point Domain 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 Sandy Point Domain? ☐ Y / ☐ N

<p>What would you like to tell us about the draft Reserve Management Plan?</p>	<p>What would you like to tell us about the draft Implementation Plan?</p>	<p>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</p>
 <p>Please attach extra sheets of paper if required.</p>		

How do I make a submission on the Draft Sandy Point Management Plan?

The easiest way is to submit online using the survey form at letstalk.icc.govt.nz

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Post: Submission – Draft Sandy Point Domain
Reserve Management Plan Feedback
Invercargill City Council
Private Bag 90104
Invercargill 9840



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Sandy Point Domain overview

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Sandy Point Domain also has significant cultural, biodiversity, historic and amenity values. The domain is facing some challenges including:

- remaining relevant to future population and recreational trends
- quality and appropriateness of existing assets, facilities and land uses
- potential impact of climate change and sea level rise on assets and infrastructure from inundation and erosion

A [Masterplan](#) was endorsed by Council in September 2023, following engagement with mana whenua, key partners, stakeholders and members of the public. The master planning process gave us a big picture vision to meet the communities needs for Sandy Point Domain.

Management Plan Development

Council is required under the Reserves Act 1977 to prepare Management Plans on the reserves it manages. Management plans contain policies on the long-term maintenance and development of our reserves. They are prepared to ensure the needs of the current and future users are captured and reflected in the plan and are consistent with current 'best practice' management procedures.

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Key Projects

This management plan is a review of the [2013 Sandy Point Domain Management Plan](#). It aims to show the first ten years of detail based on the masterplan and each subsequent review will incorporate future priorities. Key Projects that will be concentrated on through the implementation of the Masterplan into the ten year management plan include:

Enhance Recreation

- Initial development of sport/recreation hub facilities
- Commencement of consolidation of "like" activities and clubs
- Development of a multi-recreational use area including a park for dog walking, disc golf and informal walking areas within the former golf course location

Promote Unique Visitor Experience

- Develop Eco-sanctuary area at the southern end of Sandy Point, and Eco-adventure area adjacent to Fosbender Park at the northern end of the Domain
- Implementation of improved signage, wayfinding and interpretation displaying domain's history
- Complete sealed road loop around Recreation Hub, incorporating Pit Road, Links Road and Sandy Point Road

Build Environmental Resilience

- Replace and replace slash, brown and forestry areas at southern end of Sandy Point Domain with suitable indigenous shrub and forest species
- Consolidate coverage of commercial forestry at the southern end of Sandy Point Domain
- Enhance existing wetland edges with suitable indigenous shrub and riparian planting

Draft Implementation Plan

An [implementation plan](#) has been developed to support the execution and administration of the reserve management plan.

Have your say

Council is inviting you to submit on this draft Management Plan, and draft Implementation plan. Please indicate in the survey if you would like to present to a hearings panel and someone will be in touch with more information following closure of submissions.

Submissions close on Friday 31 January 2025



Make a Submission

CLOSED: This survey has concluded.

Stage 2 Consultation - Draft Reserve Management Plan Submission Form

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Consultation has concluded



CLOSED: This survey has concluded.

Stage 1 Consultation - Inviting Written Submissions

Council has endorsed the 2023 Sandy Point Domain Masterplan which enables seeking feedback on the Masterplan during stage one of the public engagement for the review of the Sandy Point Domain Management Plan. Council is inviting you, pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, to have your say on what your top priorities are for the next ten years using the Masterplan as a guideline. As part of this process, Council is also inviting you to provide feedback on the Masterplan. Your comments and suggestions will be taken into consideration when draft of the Sandy Point Domain Management Plan is prepared.

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7. Email to clubs, agencies, organisations, licence holders and past submitters

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