



Tasman District Council

Parks and Reserves

Activity Management Plan

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GROUP NAME: Community Services

Parks and Reserves Activity Management Plan

What we do

Tasman District Council manages a range of parks, reserves, open spaces and recreational facilities for an on behalf of the community. Easily accessible parks and open spaces provide active recreation, play and social opportunities for both residents and visitors. Council's activities in this area aim to assist in the development of healthy, active, functioning communities.

Parks and reserves includes the provision of:

- Urban open spaces and amenity reserves
- Formal parks and gardens
- Trees, plots and verges
- Sports grounds
- Rabbit Island
- Rural recreation and esplanade reserves
- Walkway reserves
- Scenic and special interest parks

Why we do it

Council is required by law and community expectation to manage the use, development and protection of land and natural resources in a way that protects environmental standards and promotes community wellbeing.

Council recognises it plays a key role in creating the environment in which communities can prosper and enjoy improved health and wellbeing. The provision of open spaces and recreational facilities influences the way in which people can take part in the life of the community and makes the choice for people to be more active more convenient, easy, safe and enjoyable.

Contribution to Community Outcomes

Community Outcomes	How Our Activity Contributes to the Community Outcome
Our unique and special natural environment is bountiful, healthy, clean and protected.	Protection of the natural environment and ecologically significant areas. Provision and enhancement of open space. Vegetation enhancement and awareness. Enhanced community involvement in conservation and restoration work. Protection and enhancement of coastal and riparian areas.
Our built urban and rural environments are functional, pleasant, safe and sustainably managed.	Provision and enhancement of open space and an interconnected open space network. Provision of neighbourhood and community parks within walking distance of homes.
Our vibrant community is safe, well, enjoys an excellent quality of life and supports those with special	Provision of open space and recreation facilities that cater for and promote active lifestyles. This includes casual activities such as walking and cycling, and organised

needs.	sports and recreation activities. Reserves and facilities are designed and managed to ensure users safety and cater for the needs of the whole community.
Our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services.	Provision of high quality open space, recreation and cultural facilities that provides a range of leisure and cultural opportunities.

Our goal

We aim to provide parks, reserves and recreational facilities that promote the physical, psychological, environmental and social wellbeing of communities in Tasman District.

Key issues

- Continuing population growth and subsequent demand for additional urban reserve land.
- Gaps in provision of urban reserve land in Richmond
- The focus on catering for growth and on development of new reserves, has resulted in a decline in quality of older reserves with some variance in service levels between new and older reserves
- Continuing improvement of the quality of services we deliver on rural community reserves.
- Coastal protection and access
- Ongoing development of walking and cycling tracks and networks at various locations
- Investigation of Sportsville multi code clubs throughout the district, e.g. Moutere Hills facility.
- Continuing to plan and provide for more sports parks to ensure supply and meet level of service targets
- Renewal of existing park facilities e.g. play equipment to maintain level of service targets
- Re-tendering of the parks and reserves grounds maintenance contract, with new contract due for commencement in July 2013.

Levels of service (we provide)	We will know we are meeting the level of service if ...	Current Performance	Future Performance			Forecast Performance By Year 10
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Provision of interconnected open space network and recreation facilities that provide a range of leisure opportunities and meet the needs of users and the community.	Provision of actively maintained park & reserve land above industry average as measured by Yardstick Parkcheck.	Current provision of 10.1ha/1,000 residents (30% above average)	Provision of actively maintained parkland above 8ha/1,000 residents	Provision of actively maintained parkland above 8ha/1,000 residents	Provision of actively maintained parkland above 8ha/1,000 residents	Provision of actively maintained parkland above 8ha/1,000 residents
	Percentage of properties (within the residential zones), within 500 metres of an open space	85-90%	85% of properties	85% of properties	85% of properties	90% of properties
	Customer satisfaction with parks and reserves score above 80% - as measured by ParkCheck Visitor Measures and Communitrak surveys undertaken at least 3 yearly.	2010 Parkcheck Visitor measures result 90%. 2011 Communitrak result 91%	Satisfaction target above 85%	Satisfaction target above 85%	Satisfaction target above 85%	Satisfaction target above 85%
	Percentage of parks and reserves service standards met (based on exception reporting)	Not measured	85%	85%	85%	85%

Major activities

First three years

- Undertake capital works programme
- Prepare Parks and Reserve Strategy
- Review reserve management plans that are 10 years old and have not had an interim review
- Review and re-tender parks and reserves grounds maintenance contract with commencement of new contract in July 2013.

Following seven years

- Undertake capital works programme
- Implement reserve management plans

New capital expenditure

First three years

- Saxton Field developments
- General parks and reserves developments including walkways, landscaping, revegetation, sportsfield improvements and playgrounds

Following seven years

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Refer to tables in Section 10 of the Parks and Reserves AMP for project details.

Capital expenditure drivers

The primary driver for capital expenditure is ongoing population growth leading to the need for ongoing parks and reserve acquisition and development.

Other drivers include the desire to improve levels of service for older parks and reserves to the standards of asset development applied to the new parks.

There are also changing sport, recreation and leisure trends which results in redevelopment of assets and facilities to meet current needs

Key assumptions and uncertainties

- The reserves operating cost projections provide for an average annual growth increase of 0.8% per annum over the 10 year planning period.
- Ongoing capital development programme is based on funding from reserve financial contributions as anticipated.
- The growth assumptions underpin our capital works programme. If the projected growth does not occur there could be implications for our income streams will impact on our ability to deliver the capital expenditure programme.

Significant negative and positive effects

A negative impact from ongoing population growth and resulting asset growth is the increasing operations and maintenance cost.

The positive impact from new parks and reserves and associated growth related developments, is that all residents benefit from the opportunities that these parks and facilities bring.

Risk mitigation

Risks associated with users of the parks and reserves are mitigated through compliance with standards and regular inspections and assessment.

Revenue and Finance Policy

Majority of capital works programme funded from income received through the Reserve Financial Contributions.

Cemeteries

What we do

A total of 12 cemeteries are provided across the District in the following locations:

- Richmond
- Bainham, Collingwood
- Collingwood
- Fletts Road, Lower Moutere
- Kotinga
- Motueka
- Murchison
- Rototai, Takaka
- Spring Grove
- Waimea West, Brightwater
- Marawera, Tapawera
- Foxhill

Most burial activity occurs at the main cemeteries located in Richmond, Motueka and Takaka. Tasman District Council manages cemeteries throughout the District providing accessible and appropriate sites for burial.

All these cemeteries have a significant number of plots available and, at current burial rates, there is no demand for additional land within the next 20 years.

Longer term there is a requirement to provide land for an alternative to the existing Richmond Cemetery.

Why we do it

Cemeteries are provided for the following reasons:

- Public health
- Comply with the requirements of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964.

Contribution to Community Outcomes

Community Outcomes	How Our Activity Contributes to the Community Outcome
Our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services	Provision of attractive and functional cemeteries.

Our Goal

We aim to provide an attractive and peaceful environment for the burial, memorial and remembrance of the deceased.

Key Issues

There is sufficient space to meet current and medium term (15-20 years) demand but planning needs to be undertaken to assess future cemetery development options, particularly in the Richmond area.

There is a need for a Cemetery Strategy to address the following issues:

1. Assessment of long term space requirements
2. Assessment of options for meeting future needs
3. Better define levels of service for the different standard of cemeteries across the District
4. Development plans for individual cemeteries
5. Provision for natural burials

Levels of service (we provide)	We will know we are meeting the level of service if ...	Current Performance	Future Performance			Future Performance (targets) in Years 4-10
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Cemeteries that offer a range of burial options and adequate space for future burial demand.	No greater than 10 customer complaints received per year regarding burial services (grave and ash interments).	Not measured	<10	<10	<10	<10
	Percentage of cemeteries service standards met (based on exception reporting)	Not measured	90%	90%	90%	90%

Major activities

First three years

- Development of a cemetery strategy.
- Review and re-tender parks and reserves grounds maintenance contract with commencement of new contract in July 2013
- Investigate and consider opportunities for the purchase of land for a new cemetery in Richmond.

New capital expenditure

First three years

- General improvements, Takaka
- Roading improvements, Richmond

Capital expenditure drivers

Population growth and the aging population will lead to ongoing need for progressive development of cemeteries

Key assumptions and uncertainties

Population and death rates will continue as predicted by current statistical trends. Burial preferences between cremation and internment will continue in line with current trends.

Significant negative and positive effects

There are no negative effects from the activity

Risk mitigation

Risks associated with users of the cemeteries are mitigated through compliance with standards and regular inspections and assessment.

Revenue and Finance Policy

Capital expenditure funded from Reserve Financial Contributions