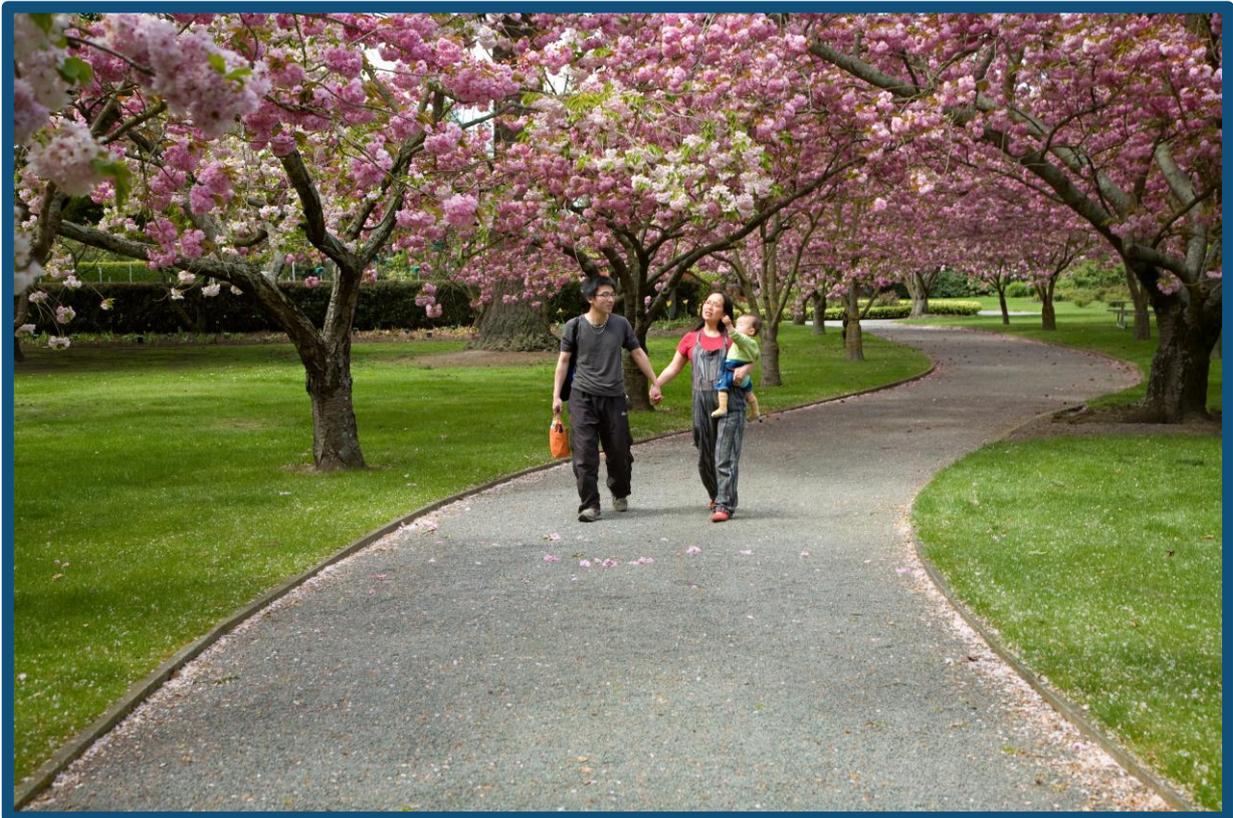

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RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN



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ASHBURTON DOMAIN AND GARDENS

INTRODUCTION

The Ashburton Domain and Gardens is an area of natural beauty that provides both the Ashburton town and district with class-leading facilities combined with gardens of botanical significance.

The Domain is vested in the Ashburton District Council and is centrally situated in Ashburton adjoining State Highway 1. The Domain is 37.5416 hectares in area and is located on the western side of West Street (State Highway 1) and also adjoins Walnut Avenue, Oak Grove, Grigg Street, Phillip Street, Park Lane and Wills Street. The Ashburton Hospital adjoins a portion of the Domain. The Domain provides a picturesque backdrop to the properties and roads that it adjoins.

Sports facilities located at the Domain include the Mid Canterbury Hockey Turf, the Mid Canterbury Tennis Centre, cricket and soccer grounds and the Domain Oval with athletic facilities. This provides a central sports facilities hub for the district and complements the facilities located at other domains across the district.

The gardens include specimen plantings of a health and maturity rarely seen in the district, and beyond. This provides both an area of botanical importance but also a feature of high quality amenity for the many visitors to the Domain. There is a continuing drive by Ashburton District Council to provide a well maintained, modern and well-resourced facility for the benefit of all residents and visitors of the district. The Domain has historically been, and continues to be, regarded by the community as a key resource and a 'jewel in the crown' for the district.

In 2010 the Ashburton District Sport and Recreation Strategy was adopted by Ashburton District Council. Objectives in the strategy include that reserves throughout the District should have a vision for their future through the development of reserve management plans. This has led to the development of several reserve management plans including the Ashburton Domain and Gardens Reserve Management Plan. In addition, section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 requires the administering body for a reserve to prepare a management plan. The management plan shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, the development of the reserve. The management plan is required to incorporate and ensure compliance with the principles as specified in the Reserves Act 1977.

This Management Plan provides specific guidance related to the management of the Ashburton Domain including consideration of, and managing, future changes. There are a number other documents regarding reserves and their strategic direction that are also relevant and have been considered in preparation of this Plan. A list of those documents is included as Appendix 2 to this Plan.

RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION

The preparation of the management plan must comply with requirements detailed in Section 47 of the Reserves Act. In meeting these requirements Ashburton District Council has undertaken the following process:

1. Advertise the Council's intention to prepare a draft Reserve Management Plan and sought information relevant to the preparation of the Plan. This was undertaken in June/July 2012. A total of four responses were received.
2. Notified the draft reserve management plan and seek community feedback. Submissions closed on 7 June 2013 and seventeen submissions were received.
3. Submitters wishing to present their submissions in person were invited to do this on 6 August 2013.
4. All submissions were considered and changes made to the plan where these were required.
5. Adopted the Reserve Management Plan on 28 November 2013 by the Finance and Business Support Committee of Council, subject to the Plan being able to be reviewed at any time.

For more information on the Ashburton Domain and Gardens Management Plan please go to the Ashburton District Council website www.ashburtondc.govt.nz or contact the Council offices:

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1. Location

The Ashburton Domain and Gardens is located at 337 West Street in Central Ashburton and is generally surrounded by roads apart from a few houses adjoining the south west side of the Domain and also the Ashburton Hospital. The Domain is a dominant feature when viewed from surrounding areas and is most regularly viewed from the adjoining West Street (State Highway 1), which is a busy arterial road through Ashburton. Travellers on West Street are greeted by the ornate brick wall, gate features and various entrances which provide attractive glimpses into the Domain interior. Pedestrian and vehicular entrances are provided at various points including to the Domain office, the playground and other facilities.

The location of the Domain is illustrated below:

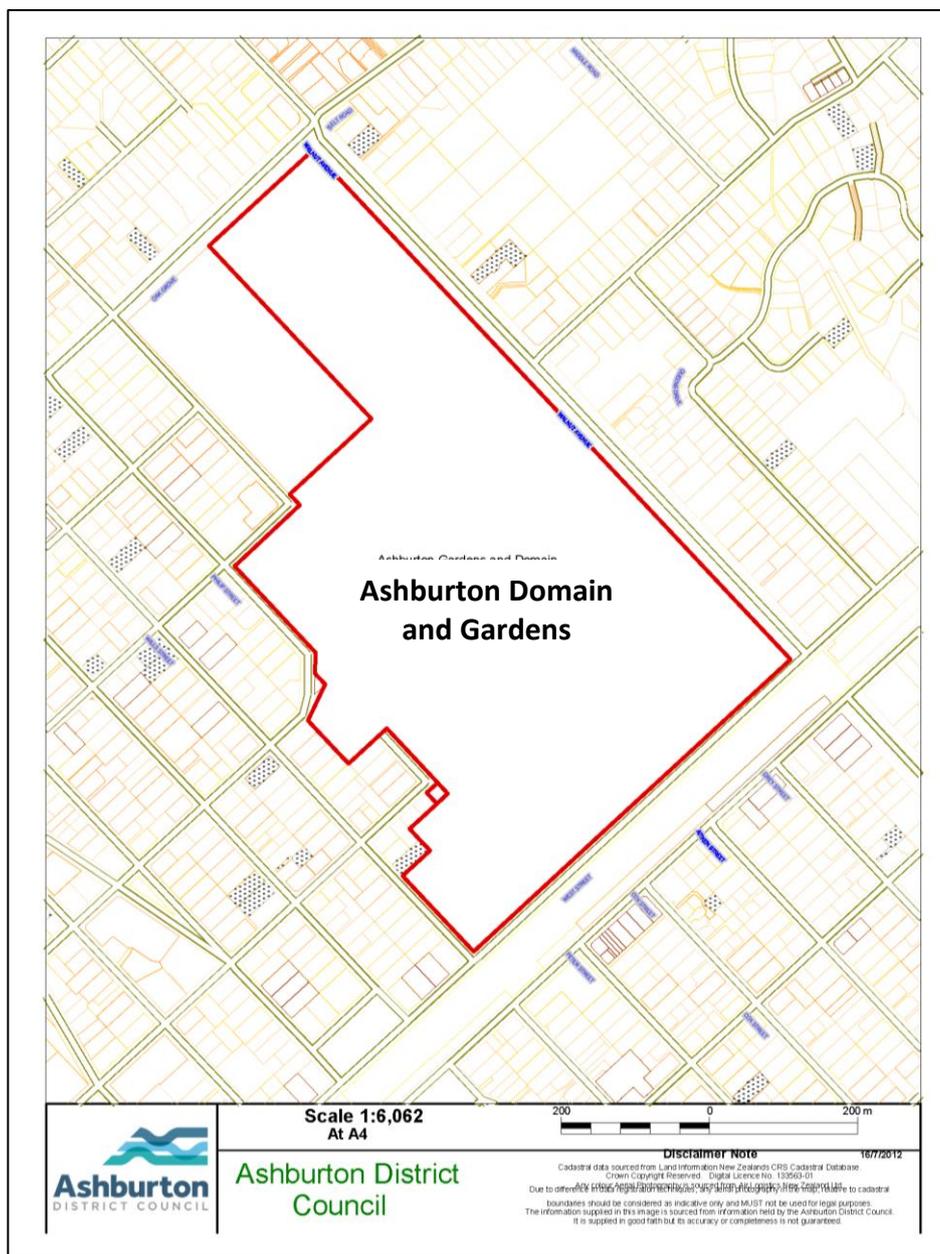


Figure 1: Ashburton Domain and Gardens Location Plan

2. Tenure and Area

The Ashburton Domain and Gardens is an extensive area centrally located in Ashburton and is a total of 37.5416 hectares in area. The Domain is legally described as RS 41481 Sec 1277. This area includes the gardens and sports facilities such as the Mid Canterbury Hockey Turf, the Mid Canterbury Tennis Centre, cricket and soccer grounds and the Domain Oval with athletic facilities. The adjoining hospital is not on Domain land.

The Ashburton Domain and Gardens are classified, by way of gazette notice, as Recreation Reserve.



Figure 2: Vehicle Bridge to Oval Pavilion

3. Zoning

The Domain is vested in and managed by the Ashburton District Council including through the provisions of this Management Plan. In addition, the requirements of the Ashburton District Plan are applicable particularly when any enhancements to the Domain may be proposed.

Under the Ashburton District Council “Partly Operative District Plan”, the Domain is zoned Open Space A.

The Open Space A zoning of the land recognises the importance of the Domain as a recreation space, and looks to protect it for use as a community resource by imposing significant restrictions on what buildings can be erected and how much of the land can be hard-surfaced without having the matter considered through the Resource Consent process.

There is a small area in the south eastern corner of the Domain (adjacent to the paddling pool) which is designated (No. 177) for community water supply purposes.

4. History

The Ashburton Domain was planned for when Ashburton was first laid out in 1864 with the area identified for the purpose of gardens and recreation. The land was designated a domain reserve and was known as 'The Grange'. Early records describe the area as approximately 100 acres of 'miserable wilderness' that was a jungle of scrubby broom, spear grass and tussock.

A Domain Board was established in 1874 to administer the land. Income from government and County Council grants, or earned from leasing areas to early settlers for stock grazing or cropping, was then used to plant trees and erect fences. Under the guidance of the Domain Board, and the Council, water was brought from a local waterway into a water race which then traversed the Domain. Two dams were subsequently built which formed a lake.

Early records indicate that a donation from Council in 1878 allowed the local cricket club to sow a cricket field in the south east corner of the area, heralding the beginning of the use of the land for community sport and recreation. 1879 saw the Ashburton Hospital built on land that had been part of the west end of the Domain.

In 1889 the Domain was vested with the Ashburton Borough Council due to the Board finances being insufficient to continue the desired level of maintenance of the grounds. At this stage the Domain included a curator's cottage located near the site of the present Domain office off West Street. One of the first tasks of the Borough Council's newly formed Domain Board was to develop a sketch plan of the area's layout, taking into account the needs of the cricket club, Caledonian Society, and bicycle club as well as provisions for a running track, paths, driveways and planted areas.

Swimming baths were also opened in 1889 in a dammed area of the Domain, which provided separate bathing opportunities for males and females. The first swimming race was held two years later in 1891. When winter conditions permitted the baths were used as an ice-skating rink.

Applications from a multitude of sports clubs began to pour into the Board requesting different rental arrangements to use the Domain land. This resulted in cricket and football sharing a ground in the alternate seasons, tennis laying down an acre of courts, the swimming club taking over control of the dressing sheds, the cycling clubs taking responsibility for the maintenance of the clay track, outdoor bowls and croquet clubs developing playing areas, hockey building a pitch in front of the hospital and the enlarging of the sports pavilion on the sports ground. The rentals paid by the various sports clubs assisted the finances of the Domain Board. In 1899 a Sports Association was formed representing the collective voices of the sports located within the Domain and this enabled a more direct forum for communication between the sports organisations and the Domain Board.

Throughout these formative years, the Domain was beautified through donations of plants that were often planted by volunteer working bees. The use of unemployed labour was also a vital aspect to the maintenance and upkeep of the Domain in the early years. A waterwheel used for water reticulation was placed in the domain in 1904. The direction of the various beautification projects over the years was largely down to the drive of the park curators/ superintendents of the time, or managers as they are known today.

The Domain continued to be developed as a key asset for the local community and was often the venue of landmark community occasions. For example the King Edward Coronation Gates were gifted to the Domain from the Ashburton County Council in 1903, a tree planting ceremony was undertaken in the Domain to commemorate the Ashburton Borough's 50th Jubilee in 1928, and in 1939 the Woolston Brass Band gave a concert on the island.

Beautification projects in the Domain continued with a belt of cherry trees planted along West Street in 1939. These were replaced approximately three years ago. When a call for donations of bulbs from the community was made around this time over 14,000 were received, reflecting the community pride in the area. Despite not having a large paid workforce, the Domain utilised 'Scheme 13' (an unemployment scheme) workmen extensively throughout this period.

World War II impacted on the progress of Ashburton due to shortages of labour and resources; therefore the 1940s are largely regarded as a 'mark-time' period for the Domain, with few new initiatives undertaken. Water samples from the swimming pool in 1948 showed high bacteria levels and the pool was then closed at the end of the season, ending an era. The new curator's house, known as the Domain Lodge, was built in the Domain in 1949 on the corner of Elizabeth and Grigg Streets.

The 1950s saw a shift in focus for the Domain from the previous decade, with a number of celebrations taking place in and around the domain. The Queen's coronation in 1952 was commemorated with a flowering cherry tree being planted in the Domain, with Queen Elizabeth II visiting the Domain in 1953 as part of her New Zealand coronation visit. The 75th anniversary of Ashburton was celebrated in September 1953 with an eight day calendar of events, including a children's afternoon in the Domain featuring a Punch and Judy Show and free ice cream.

From a sporting perspective the 1950's saw an increase in leisure time in general with the introduction of the 40 hour working week and greater personal disposable income. This boded well for many sports based from the Domain and a significant event of the decade was when the Ashburton Women's Hockey Association hosted the first dominion championship ever staged in the town in 1957. This no doubt set the precedent for many other sports to host future championships in the Domain.

The 1950's saw a proposal made for a sports hall to be built near the Creek Road entrance to the Domain. Public outcry resulted with the proposal opposed due to the 'sanctity' of the Domain and subsequently the sports hall was located in Tancred Street. A similar situation arose some 60 years later following a proposal to locate the new Indoor Stadium and Pool in the picnic area of the Domain.

During the 1960's and 70's the Domain catered for all major weekend sport except rugby, and was utilised by primary and secondary schools mid-week. Notable sporting events held during this time included the Mid Canterbury Cricket Assn. hosting an international cricket game between the New Zealand Colts and Marylebone Cricket Club in 1964, the Mid Canterbury cricket team defeating the touring Fijian team on the Oval in 1968, and a pre-Commonwealth Games athletics

meeting held at the Domain in 1974 with visiting overseas athletes competing against the local athletics club.

Local service clubs have had a long association with the Domain and through their endeavours have added to the range of features of the Domain. Projects have included the construction of a bird aviary by Rotary in 1965, a skateboard track gifted by the Kiwanis and the paddling pool built in 1978 was a Centennial Project for the Ashburton Rotary Club.

Strong winds in 1975 knocked down part of the brick wall along West Street, with a decision made to create the lay-by which is still present today, enabling people to see into the domain from the roadside.

Despite challenging economic times in the 1980's sport continued to play a key role in leisure time activities in Ashburton. The Domain was considered to have a 'village green' atmosphere. During this time the Ashburton Cricket Association built a new pavilion on the Domain.

The last twenty years have seen the Domain maintain its position as the premier open space, botanical and sports venue facility of the District.

The high regard in which the Domain is held is reflected in the fact that it has only had ten curators/ superintendents over the last 130 years. The Ashburton Domain is highly regarded by both locals and visitors to the area as a key asset of the District, and this is certain to continue for future generations.

The Domain will celebrate its 150th birthday in 2014.

5. Key Characteristics

5.1 Topography and Soils

Like the town, the topography of the Domain is generally flat with some gentle undulations. An attractive meandering waterway makes its way from north to south through the Domain and culminates in the duck pond at the south eastern corner of the Domain. The waterway adds character to the Domain and is complemented by features such as walkways which also wind through the area, as opposed to the straight lines which can be found in other portions of the Domain.

The flatter topography of the Domain has assisted in providing easily accessible quality sports facilities. The topography of an area can, at times, dictate the location of facilities and features but in this instance it is the large historical plantings and layout established during Ashburton's formative years that has determined how the Domain has developed.

The soils in the Domain are "Waimakariri Deep Silt Loam".

As with significant portions of Canterbury, there are aquifers located under the Domain. Due to the large size of the Domain, it being under Council ownership and there being significant control of activities on the Domain this has made it an attractive location to extract water from the aquifers. Consequently there are several wells located on the Domain that supply water for use within the Domain and for the reticulated town water supply for Ashburton.

5.2 Flora and Fauna

The Domain has significant plantings of a wide botanical variety including many trees of a mature age. This is combined with the wider open grassed sports fields which tend to be protected from the elements by large mature trees and shelterbelts around their perimeter.

There are no trees within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens that are identified as Heritage Trees in the Ashburton District Plan. A schedule of trees of notable value has been previously prepared and is appended as Appendix A to this plan. The Domain has many trees that are highly regarded due to their botanical type, maturity or sheer size but other trees are also of commemorative importance being planted by, or in recognition of, a person or event. An important part of why the Domain is so special is the plantings, their range and how they are cared for. This continues to be of importance with plantings being maintained, enhanced and where necessary replaced.

5.3 Amenity

The Domain provides a centre piece for the town with attractive frontages on all sides. The influence and beauty created by the Domain extends well beyond its boundaries both due to its prominence but also providing inspiration for the beautification of other properties close by.

The amenity and character within the Domain varies across its area. The southern portion of the Domain includes groupings of native plantings and the pond areas creating a natural beauty encouraging of relaxation and an impression of solitude. Further to the north east of this area is the more open grass areas punctuated by specimen trees and rose gardens consistent with an English country, or botanical, garden. Numerous bench seats are located within this area providing opportunities for wider views to admire the beauty of the garden area.

The western quarter of the Domain includes more dense clusters of plantings which surround the open and manicured sporting fields for cricket and, further north, the croquet club. The combination of well-maintained sporting areas surrounded by attractive mature trees provides a sheltered visually appealing location to play sports or to watch from the shade of one of the many surrounding trees. The north eastern half the Domain includes the wider open areas utilised for a variety of sporting activities, particularly football. Within this area is also the tennis centre and hockey turf which include fencing and lighting to enable play in the evenings. Plantings within this area also provide a more functional purpose, i.e. shelter, with the appearance of the area carrying both an impression of practicality and a dictation of the needs of the various sporting endeavours of the area.

The eastern quarter of the Domain includes the children's play area, car parking, aviary and bowling club. This area provides a transition between the open sports grounds and English country gardens. This area is perhaps one of the most visited parts of the Domain due to its large car parking area and it providing a central point from which visitors can explore the many attractions and features of the Domain. There is a cycle path running through the Domain which runs from the Wills Street entrance through to directly opposite Creek Road. This provides a safe functional route for children to get to school rather than travel on busy roads and the cycle path is part of the Council's cycleway network.

While the Domain is large it is impressive that so many different characteristics, features and facilities have been incorporated into the area thereby ensuring opportunities for the community

are maximised. This is achieved while providing an overall impression of natural beauty that instils a sense of pride for the residents of Ashburton.

6. Present Use

Formal and informal activities within the Domain are encouraged and actively provided for. It is intended that the Domain will always be available for use by the public but it is recognised that community groups and societies will have specific needs that result in small parts of the Domain being closed off for protection and maintenance of facilities. This is accepted provided the overall intention for public participation and involvement is not lost. At the time of preparing this plan specific user groups and facilities located within the Domain include:

6.1 Waireka Croquet Club

Located in the western corner of the Domain near the corner of Grigg and Philip Streets. Club facilities consist of a croquet lawn, pavilion club house and a small outbuilding. The club is surrounded by mature specimen trees on all sides.

6.2 Mid Canterbury Tennis Association

Located at the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre at the northern end of the Domain adjoining Oak Grove. The buildings provide meeting, administrative, maintenance and changing facilities. The club has 16 artificial surface tennis courts which have lighting to provide for day and night time play.

6.3 Ashburton Bowling Club

Centrally located in the Domain and adjoining the main car parking area. Facilities include two bowling greens and a clubhouse building for meeting, changing and socialising.

6.4 Ashburton Athletics Club

Co-located with the Mid Canterbury Cricket Association in a central location on the western side of the Domain. Buildings include a pavilion which is a multi-use facility including a stage suitable for outdoor performances overlooking the oval. Large mature specimen trees surround the perimeter of the area.

6.5 Mid Canterbury Cricket Association

Centrally located on the western side of the Domain. Buildings include a pavilion which is a multi-use facility including stage overlooking the oval. Large mature specimen trees surround the perimeter of the area.

6.6 Mid Canterbury Hockey Association

Located adjacent to the Ashburton Hospital the hockey club includes a clubhouse building providing meeting and changing facilities, an artificial hockey turf and lighting is provided to enable night time play.

6.7 Mid Canterbury Football Association

Located on the north eastern side of the Domain. The facilities include several playing fields and a clubhouse building.

6.8 Ashburton Domain Pavilion

Located on Walnut Avenue, the pavilion is administered by a trust and is primarily used for community group events and meetings. Ashburton College and the Mid Canterbury Football Association utilise the building from time to time.

6.9 Technical Cricket Club

A small club rooms located on the north-west boundary of the Domain.

The Council also has facilities located on the Domain that are both necessary to maintain it and contribute to its amenity. These include:

- The Parks Depot – including plant nursery, offices, utility buildings
- Aviary
- BBQ's and associated tables and shelters
- Playground and paddling pool
- Public conveniences
- Water supply infrastructure

7. Adjoining Land Use

The Domain is centrally located in Ashburton and directly adjoins West Street (State Highway 1). The Domain is principally surrounded by roads and streets which provides strong visual connections with the wider area and enables easy direct public access. The few properties that directly adjoin the Domain include approximately seven residential properties and the Ashburton Hospital.

Activities in the wider area include numerous residential properties, the main trunk railway line and the Ashburton rail yards. Further to the north east, along West Street is a commercial precinct which provides for larger scale commercial and retail activities.

To the south west is the Ashburton Art Gallery and Heritage Centre with the Ashburton War Memorial and Council Administration Buildings are further along to the south. The Ashburton Art Gallery and Heritage Centre will create strong visual and physical connections between three blocks on West Street and enhance links between the Domain, the War Memorial Site and the Council administration buildings.



Figure 3: Ashburton Domain Playground

8. Domain Governance

The Ashburton District Council is responsible (under the Reserves Act 1977) for the control and management of the Domain. Day to day management is undertaken by the Manager of Parks and Open Spaces whose office is in the Domain.

The Domain is an important community resource and its use is encouraged and actively provided for. In doing so, consultation is carried out to ensure any proposal of significance for the development of the Domain includes the opportunity for community comment. In the event that a development of such significance is proposed on the Domain it is likely that specific consultation regarding that development would occur.

The preparation of this Management Plan has included consideration of a number of public documents. A list of those documents considered is included in Appendix 2 to this plan.

9. Regional Significance

The Ashburton Domain and Gardens provides a central node for the District in its provision of both a public open space but also as a sport and recreation facility. The other domains throughout the District complement the Ashburton Domain and add to its importance as the exemplar in the provision of botanical and recreational facilities.

The Domain is visually prominent, contains a wealth of recreational opportunities and is highly regarded for its natural beauty. It is an important asset for both residents and visitors to the District and for these reasons it is considered to be the most regionally significant facility within the District of Ashburton. This is reflected in annual Council community surveys and market research that Council has undertaken regarding features of the region.

10. Future Development

10.1 Proposed Development

There are a range of different parts or components of the Domain which combine to create such an impressive resource and these different components require varying levels of maintenance. Of these, some facilities and features will increase in popularity while others will reduce. Some will have shorter lifespans than others. These changing community needs and preferences need to guide future development of the Domain and Gardens.

In the short term (prior to initiating any development plan engagement process) there could be a case for re-energising the community's relationship with the Domain using community events to provide opportunities for wider community utilisation of the Domain. Examples of events that could achieve this include music days, children days and garden related events.

There are some renewal projects that would revitalise the facilities already provided within the Domain and further increase community interest in the Domain and in utilising existing facilities. These could include:

- Replacement of the existing paddling pool
- Further sealing and kerbing of walkway and roading areas
- Fitness track enhancement and replacement
- Enhancement of the West Street lay-by area
- Improvement of signage including educational information
- Development and enhancement of the southern corner and entrance to the Domain
- The incorporation of increased sculptural features within the Domain
- The further development and enhancement of areas of botanical interest

10.2 Development Plan

This Reserve Management Plan does not deal with specific future development of the Domain; this should be covered in a separate development plan. . A development plan can provide focused direction for the Domain and would be prepared in consultation with the community.

The Council's Open Spaces Manager has responsibility for preparing any future development plan. A development plan itself needs to take a fresh look at what the Domain is used for and how it fits with complementary facilities in the town and district. Ideally the plan would have a longer term outlook (25-30 years) and would look at how the Domain and Gardens fit in an overall approach to the provision of open space and recreational and cultural facilities in Ashburton.

Examples of matters to consider could include:

- The future use of the Curator's dwelling on the Domain – this could be developed as a café or community events facility

- The future of hard surface sports in the domain, particularly hockey and tennis – might these sports be better to relocate off the Domain over the next 20-30 years, enabling the Domain to return to having more open space
- Whether the parks depot should remain in the Domain – if the space requirements of the Open Spaces department increase might this be better relocating to a larger site off the Domain
- The potential relocation of sports from the Domain to the EA Networks Centre site
- The relationship between the Domain and hospital grounds and whether the demarcation between the two should be softened

A development plan needs to provide a realistic vision for the community of how the Domain will be maintained what changes may occur in its enhancement. This will include consideration of those matters discussed above but will also provide strong financial guidance in order to assist Council in economic and long term planning.

The importance of the Domain and Gardens to the residents of Ashburton and the wider district means it is essential that preparation of a development plan includes extensive opportunities for residents to be part of the process, to share ideas and to become part of the project.

10.3 West Street Vehicle Access

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) is proposing to install traffic signals at the Walnut Avenue – West Street (State Highway1) intersection. If this proposal is implemented this may compromise the on-going viability of the West Street vehicle entrance to the Domain.

NZTA is consulting with Ashburton residents and road users regarding options for the intersection and Domain access. Ashburton District Council has indicated its preference is for a new entrance to be constructed on Walnut Avenue. While this would result in some changes it is not considered it would significantly affect how the Domain is used or detract in any way from the enjoyment the community is able to derive from the Domain and its facilities.

The possibility of creating a new vehicle entrance may provide opportunities to improve Domain usability and amenity. It is expected any changes would be implemented over the next 2 – 5 years.

10.4 Domain Ponds Water Supply

The water supply which feeds the waterway and ponds in the Domain originates from the Ashburton River. The water travels from the river through a stockwater race to Coniston Waters from where it is piped and channelled to the Domain.

There has long been problems maintaining the flow and maintaining the channel and pipes to a satisfactory standard. The Council has investigated a range of options for the supply of water and decided the current approach remains the best long-term option.

The pipes carrying water through the Allenton shopping area have been upgraded and the Council has committed to undertake the progressive piping of the water in the parts of Harrison Street where currently open channels are used. This approach will reduce issues arising from channel blockages and enable the stormwater channel in the affected parts of Harrison Street to be renewed, improving water flow and amenity.

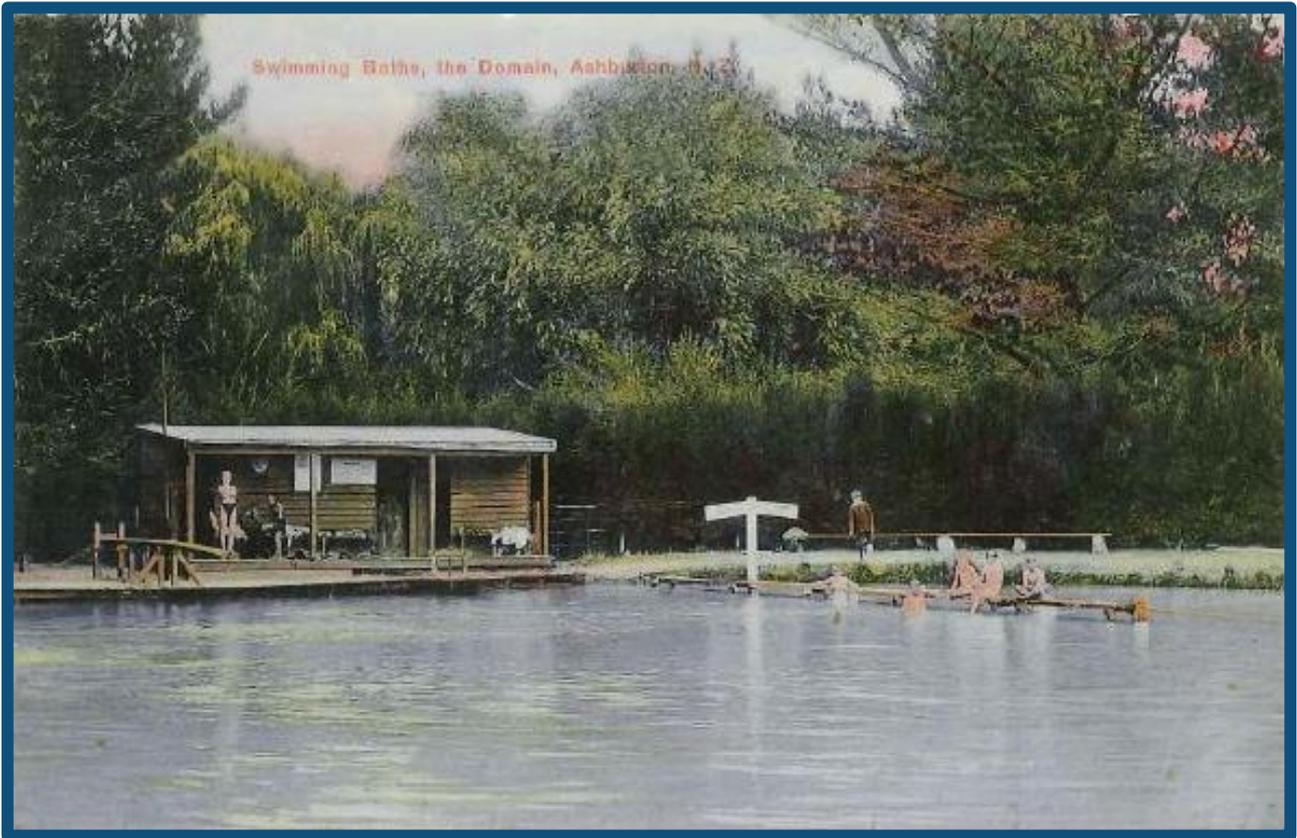


Figure 4: Historical Photo of Swimming Baths

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Figure 5: Aerial View of Domain

11. OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Objectives and policies for the management of the Domain are:

11.1 Objective 1 - General

To manage the Ashburton Domain and Gardens in perpetuity for the wellbeing and appreciation of the public, and protection of the picturesque environmental and scenic values in combination with maintaining and enhancing recreation values of the Domain.

Policies

11.1.1 The utilisation of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be in compliance with its classification as a Recreation Reserve and policies set out in this Reserve Management Plan.

11.1.2 The Ashburton District Council shall carry out the day to day administration and management of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens within the policies contained in this Plan and any delegations provided by Ashburton District Council.

11.1.3 Recreation areas shall be maintained to a high standard.

11.1.4 Users of the Domain, particularly clubs and societies, will be encouraged to efficiently utilise resources.

11.2 Objective 2 - Vegetation

To continue to develop and maintain vegetation in the Ashburton Domain and Gardens to the same current high standard and to ensure any vegetation established on the Domain contributes to its attractiveness and popularity.

To provide display gardens and specimen trees which contribute to the attractiveness and enjoyment of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

Policies

11.2.1 Planting and maintenance of vegetation in the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be planned strategically and designed to enhance and protect the qualities of the Domain.

11.2.2 The selection of trees and shrubs displayed in the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be a combination of native and exotic and shall include species which are special or unique to the area while providing a high level of amenity.

11.2.3 Maintenance or removal of vegetation shall only be undertaken with the approval of the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager except for works undertaken in an emergency situation.

11.2.4 Existing trees on the Domain shall be assessed and a formal record maintained of those trees identified as being of significance for reasons which can include (but not limited to):

- heritage / historic value

- scientific or botanic value, including rarity or representativeness
- importance of position in the landscape, including landmark significance
- cultural, ethnical, social, spiritual or recreational significance, including any commemorative value
- age
- size
- form and condition
- contribution to local amenity as an individual tree or as part of a stand of trees;
- suitability in relation to the setting or site conditions
- functional value

11.2.5 Before making any decision to remove or significantly alter trees on the Domain the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager will firstly consider and assess the effect of any action in terms of:

- potential danger to life and property
- the interests of the public and Domain users
- the values and protection of the tree
- whether the tree has been identified as being of significance as per Policy 11.2.4



Figure 6: Ashburton Bowling Club

11.3 Objective 3 - Buildings

To provide and maintain attractive professionally designed and appropriately located buildings and structures on the Domain which improve utilisation and add to the enjoyment of the Domain by its users.

To encourage the efficient use of existing and future buildings.

Policies

11.3.1 Any building, structure or surface shall only be established on the Domain where it is in accordance with, or helps promote, the purpose of the Domain, being recreation, unless otherwise provided for in this Plan.

11.3.2 Where the provision of facilities does not conflict with the basic objectives of the Domain, a range of facilities may be provided. These may include:

Signs and interpretation kiosks	Litter bins
Picnic tables and facilities	Toilets
Children's play facilities	Seating
Limited car parking	Shelters
Electric or gas operated barbecues	Lighting

11.3.3 Buildings may be permitted as an adjunct to the administration, maintenance and enjoyment of the Domain. The following buildings are included in this category:

Tool and storage sheds	Information kiosk/stand
Public utility buildings	Multiple use buildings
Aviaries	

11.3.4 All buildings in the Domain are to be maintained to an appropriate standard that does not detract from the amenity values of the Domain.

11.3.5 The design and location of any building or structure on the domain shall be subject to approval of Council, upon recommendation of the Open Spaces Manager, and shall be in keeping with any design guidelines applicable.

11.3.6 Buildings and structures on the Domain shall be designed to a high standard and, to the extent practicable, be designed to minimise the risk of vandalism.

11.3.7 The design of any new building or of modifications to existing buildings shall, where practicable, incorporate opportunities for multiple users to utilise the building as opposed to a single club or society.

11.3.8 The design of any new building shall incorporate features that minimise the environmental impact of the building. Examples that could be included are; positioning the building to best utilise natural sunlight, the incorporation of efficient technologies such as heating, efficient tapware and the collection and utilisation of rainwater.

11.3.9 Clubs and societies shall be responsible for the maintenance of their buildings and facilities on the Domain to an appropriate standard as determined by Council.

11.3.10 To ensure a consistency of colour scheme on the Domain, prior to the painting of any existing or new building the colour scheme shall be submitted to the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager for approval.

11.3.11 Clubs and societies shall be responsible for the full cost of removal of any building and associated facilities no longer required unless an alternative agreement is reached with the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager.

11.3.13 Buildings shall be maintained to an appropriate standard for the purpose of safety including monitoring the structural safety of the building and ensuring any damage from natural events is identified and appropriately repaired.



Figure 7: Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre

11.4 Objective 4 – Rentals and Leases

To require leases, or a similar arrangement, to be established where organisations have erected or intend to erect a building on the Domain or have an exclusive use of part of the Domain.

To ensure permanent and casual users pay a “fair share” contribution towards the maintenance and development of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

Policies

11.4.1 The Ashburton District Council shall, on recommendation from the Open Spaces Manager, enter into a lease, hire, rental or license to occupy arrangement with any organisation for the use of any part of the Domain where the user gains a special benefit that is not available to other Domain users, and where the user will have use of the land specified for a period exceeding one year.

11.4.2 The Ashburton District Council shall enter into a license to occupy arrangement with any organisation for the use of any part of the Domain where the user gains a special benefit that is not available to other Domain users, or where there are costs to the Council associated with a particular activity or event. The Open Spaces Manager has delegated authority to enter into a license to occupy on behalf of the Council for a period not exceeding one year.

11.4.3 Any such arrangement provided for by Policy 11.4.1 or 11.4.2 must comply with policies developed by Council that apply, must be consistent with any requirements under the Reserves Act 1977 and must be consistent with the purpose for which the land is vested.

11.4.4 Any arrangement, such as a lease, shall not unreasonably impede or restrict public access to the Domain and associated facilities or be seen as detrimental to the rights of the public.

11.4.5 Existing uses of the Domain shall be recognised and leases relevant to these uses shall be continued either in their current form or modified to reflect the outcomes sought.

11.4.6 The Ashburton District Council may charge a fee for the use of any part the Ashburton Domain and Gardens where the user gains a special benefit that is not available to other Domain users, or where there are costs to the Council associated with a particular activity or event.

11.4.7 Sports field, facility and park fees shall be adopted by Council (on the recommendation of the Open Spaces Manager) annually and be made publicly available.

11.4.8 Any revenue generated from a lease or rental or other such payment shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and improvement of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

11.5 Objective 5 – Feature Gardens and Animal Displays

Feature displays that add to the interest and education opportunities of the Domain shall be encouraged and developed.

Policies

11.5.1 The Ashburton Domain and Gardens will continue to include a range of gardens and birds to provide interest and educational opportunities to visitors of the Domain.

11.5.2 The development of further features and displays, both of a long and short term nature, including the holding of educational events, shall be encouraged. This shall include Council and public initiated features and displays.

11.5.3 When evaluating new opportunities for feature displays in the Domain, consideration shall be given to the availability of resources, compatibility with the purpose of the Domain and the effect on the Domain including plantings and other services provided.

11.6 Objective 6 – Education

To encourage and develop the provision of educational information and displays within the Domain.

Policies

11.6.1 Council will look to work with educational institutions and community groups in the provision of information and experiences about the Domain, the flora and fauna and its important role within the community.

11.6.2 Information, signage and displays shall be regularly prepared and updated. Information to be made available shall include details of facilities provided in the domain, directional signage, botanical information, history of the Domain and specific areas of interest.

11.6.3 Council will utilise an appropriate range of information mediums to provide educational value to Domain users including the use of new technologies.

11.7 Objective 7 – Domain Infrastructure

To ensure safe and appropriate water and public convenience facilities are provided for Domain users.

To ensure safe, efficient and appropriate access and thoroughfare is available for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to and across the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

Policies

11.7.1 Water available from taps on the Domain shall be identified as to whether it is safe for drinking (potable). Where water is not safe for drinking a sign shall be placed, and maintained, at the tap advising the water is not suitable for drinking.

11.7.2 Ashburton District Council shall provide and maintain appropriate toilet facilities on the Domain that cater for the reasonable needs of users. The toilet facilities located adjacent to the paddling pool are public toilets and shall be available for use at all times. All other toilet facilities located on the Domain may be closed at night or at any other time at the discretion of the Open Spaces Manager.

11.7.3 The development, maintenance and improvement of roads, tracks, cycle ways, footpaths and car parking areas on the Domain is permitted at the discretion of the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager. Any such surfacing proposed by a user group will require the approval of Council.

11.7.4 Pathways and associated facilities shall be maintained and enhanced to encourage connectivity between both Domain facilities and those facilities or features located outside the boundaries of the Domain.

11.7.5 All motorised vehicles in the Domain (except emergency and authorised maintenance vehicles) must keep to designated roadways and car parks.

11.7.6 Access to the Domain or to parts of the Domain may be restricted for motorised vehicles as decided by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager when such a measure is intended to promote general user safety or to prevent damage to the Domain or to property within the Domain.

11.7.7 Vehicle access for special events may be granted by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager for specific purposes and then terminated at the completion of the event.

11.7.8 Where car parking areas are provided for the exclusive use of clubs and organisations, costs relating to the formation and maintenance of the car park shall be borne by the club or organisation concerned and Council. Costs shall be apportioned as provided for in the relevant lease document or, if not provided for in the lease document, shall be agreed between Council and the organisation.

11.7.9 The current New Zealand standards shall be used as a guide to developing and maintaining footpaths, parking facilities and walking or cycling tracks on the Domain.

11.8 Objective 8 – Network Infrastructure

To ensure utility infrastructure required to be placed within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens results in minimal impact on the recreation and open space values of the Domain.

Policies

11.8.1 Any permanent or long term arrangements to place network infrastructure on the Ashburton Domain and Gardens must be approved by the Ashburton District Council on recommendation of the Open Spaces Manager.

11.8.2 No new network utility infrastructure will be permitted on the Ashburton Domain and Gardens unless a definite benefit to the Domain or wider community can be established.

11.8.3 Any new or replacement utility infrastructure to be placed within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens must be designed and constructed in ways that minimise any negative impacts on both the usability of the Domain for its vested purpose and the visual impact on the Domain.

11.8.4 Any new cable infrastructure to be placed within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be laid underground.

11.8.5 The Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager may permit network utility operators conditional access to Domain land to inspect, maintain, operate or upgrade

existing works, subject to provisions of relevant empowering Acts, The Reserves Act 1977 and conditions of Council. This shall be on the basis of terms agreed by the Open Space Manager and the relevant operator.

11.8.6 Network utility operators must maintain any land they have exclusive use of within the Domain and any infrastructure they own or have responsibility for in a manner which is consistent with minimising any negative impacts of that infrastructure on the Domain and its users.

11.8.7 Network utility operators must supply a useable and up to date “as-built” infrastructure plan in a form and detail agreed with the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager, including information regarding their location on the Domain as a condition of any occupation agreement.

11.8.8 A contribution for an exclusive right of access can be required. Any payment made by a utility operator as a lease or rental or other such payment shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and improvement of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

11.9 Objective 9 – Alcohol

That the consumption and sale of alcohol on the Domain will only be permitted where any adverse effects on the Domain, Domain users and neighbours can be avoided, remedied or mitigated and relevant statutory and bylaw requirements are met.

Policies

11.9.1 The granting of liquor licenses for premises located on the Ashburton Domain and Gardens, or special licenses in defined areas for one-off events, will not be opposed where:

- The granting of permission is consistent with the purpose of the Domain; and
- The effects on the Domain, Domain users and neighbours can be appropriately addressed; and
- Applicants can provide evidence they have met the requirements of the Ashburton District Council’s Local Alcohol Policy, relevant legislation, regulations, codes and permits.

11.10 Objective 10 – Domestic Animals

Although Council does not wish to exclude domestic animals from the Domain (except for health reasons from the playground areas), it does require they be on a leash or otherwise appropriately restrained or controlled.

Policies

11.10.1 Access of dogs onto the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be subject to the provisions of the Ashburton District Council Dog Control Policy and any applicable Council bylaw(s) and to the dog being on a leash. Dogs not on a leash may be impounded.

11.10.2 Dogs are prohibited from being within 10 metres of any children’s playground and are prohibited from the designated playing areas of all marked sports fields with the exception of guide dogs for the blind, hearing dogs, police dogs, dogs being used by

security guards or dogs confined within a vehicle. From time to time dogs may be prohibited from other areas of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens to allow better protection of domain values or user experiences. Dogs within these exclusion areas may be impounded.

11.10.3 The person controlling a dog on the Ashburton Domain and Gardens is responsible for immediate removal and appropriate disposal of any dog faeces.

11.10.4 Cats and other domestic animals, other than dogs, must be restrained appropriately unless approved by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager.

11.10.5 Horses may only be in areas of the Domain designated by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager for this purpose.

11.10.6 Appropriate signage and notification may be provided for animal owners informing them of their responsibilities while using the Domain.

11.11 Objective 11 – Play Equipment

To develop and maintain areas of the Domain for children to play, providing a healthy and safe environment for playground users.

To create high quality, creative, stimulating and fun playgrounds and areas that encourages children to engage in social interaction and physical activity.

Policies

11.11.1 The main Domain playground shall be maintained and upgraded as required to provide quality play equipment and high play value.

11.11.2 All new or upgraded play equipment shall comply with the relevant New Zealand Safety Standards.

11.11.3 All play equipment shall be given a regular maintenance inspection and a six monthly safety inspection by Council Open Spaces department staff to ensure all equipment is maintained to a safe standard. A written record of regular and safety inspections shall be maintained including the identification of any repairs and works required or undertaken.

11.11.4 Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager is responsible for ensuring any necessary repair of play equipment is undertaken and meets required standards.

11.11.5 Informal play opportunities shall be encouraged through the design of open spaces within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens using the natural landforms and existing features.

11.11.6 At such a time as a new play or picnic area is developed, or an existing area is redeveloped, measures shall be considered in the design of the area to provide protection from the sun. This could include appropriately located trees of a suitable scale or the erection of sun shelters.

11.12 Objective 12 – Smokefree Policy

Domain users (and in particular our children) can enjoy the play and sports facilities provided at the Domain in a smoke free environment.

Policies

11.12.1 Playgrounds, sports fields and courts on the Domain shall be smoke free, in line with Council’s smokefree playgrounds and sports fields policy.

11.12.2 Council will ensure appropriate signage and on-going communication is provided to advise of smokefree areas, as deemed necessary by Council.

11.12.3 The Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager may recommend Council’s smokefree policy includes additional smokefree areas within the Domain and may recommend the Domain as a whole as being smokefree. Council will consider all such recommendations and may amend its smokefree policy accordingly.

11.13 Objective 13 - Memorials

To recognise the Ashburton Domain and Gardens as an important community facility that recognises and remembers our past.

Policies

11.13.1 Commemorative plaques and memorials within the Domain shall be maintained and kept clear of vegetation by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Department.

11.13.2 Written and photographic records including location plans of all memorials, plaques and bequests on, or made to, the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be maintained by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Department.

11.13.3 Written and photographic records including location plans of all trees gifted, presented to or bequeathed and planted on the Ashburton Domain and Gardens shall be maintained by the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Department.

11.14 Objective 14 – Signage and advertising

To provide signage that promotes user orientation, Domain legibility and enhances educational opportunities in the Domain.

To enable sponsorship and commercial activities which enable the economically sustainable use of the Domain and the facilities within it.

To minimise the adverse visual effects of signs, while providing for the display of information useful to Domain users.

Policies

11.14.1 All signage within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens must be consistent with the requirements of relevant Council policies, bylaws, the Ashburton District Plan and other

relevant documents and must have the prior permission of the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager.

11.14.2 Signs for the purpose of proper management, administration and control of the Domain will be permitted. Education and interpretation signage may be provided at key locations within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

11.14.3 Directional signs within the Domain will be provided by Ashburton District Council's Open Spaces department. Organisations located within the Domain, and Domain users, are not to erect directional signs within the Domain.

11.14.4 Permanent signs for trade advertising or sponsorship may be permitted with the approval of the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager only if the sign is located within the activity area to which it relates and only if the sign will not negatively impact on the usability or enjoyment of other parts of the Domain. If the activity ceases operation then the relevant signage shall be removed.

11.14.5 Temporary advertising intended to alert or inform the public about a forthcoming event or attractions on the Domain may be permitted at the discretion of the Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager. All costs shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

11.14.6 Domain occupiers must apply to the Ashburton District Council Open Space Manager to place signage on their buildings. The size, style and scale of signage will be taken into consideration and in particular the effect or visual impact the sign will have on Domain users and Domain neighbours.

11.15 Objective 15 – Health and Safety

To ensure activities undertaken on the Domain are done so in a manner to appropriately ensure the health and safety of users and the public generally.

Policies

11.15.1 Organisers of temporary events held on the Domain must prepare an appropriate health and safety management plan specific to the event. A copy of the plan shall be provided to the Open Spaces Manager at least five days prior to the event.

11.15.2 Lease holders, tenants and similar occupants shall be responsible for the health and safety of users of their facilities including the public.

11.15.3 The Council shall hold public liability insurance to a value appropriate for the activities undertaken on the Domain.

11.15.4 It shall be recognised that while the Council has a duty of care to ensure the health and safety of users of the Domain an onus also lies with the users to act in a manner appropriate to the situation and maintain responsibility for their own actions.

11.15.5 The Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager shall not permit activities to take place in parts of the Domain where users may be subject to health and safety risks arising from the established use of the Domain.

11.16 Objective 16 – Fencing

To meet boundary and fencing obligations under the Fencing Act 1978 where required.

To limit the number of fences or barriers on the Domain to those which add amenity value, protect reserve values, reduce adverse effects on reserve neighbours or which ensure the Domain can be used safely.

Policies

11.16.1 The Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager will assess requests for contributions towards construction of boundary fences on the perimeter of the Domain only when it is deemed necessary and where a fence is to be established on the correct legal boundary.

11.16.2 Council will meet its boundary fencing obligations under the Fencing Act 1978 where there is a justifiable need. Council shall contribute on a per metre basis up to a maximum amount based on the current rate at the time of application as approved by Council resolution annually. The Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager shall in each case assess the type of fence appropriate to the character, use and environs of the Domain.

11.16.3 Where an occupier of the Ashburton Domain and Gardens, such as a club or society, requests the enclosure of its facilities, the cost of erecting and maintaining any fence shall be borne by the occupier. Any fence proposed to be erected will require the approval of the Open Space Manager prior to its erection. The Ashburton District Council Open Spaces Manager shall in each case assess the type of fence appropriate to the character, use and environs of the Domain.

11.16.4 Enclosure of an activity or feature within the Ashburton Domain and Gardens with a fence or barrier will only be permitted if there is a justifiable need, e.g. protecting other reserve users from the effects of the activity and protecting reserve values.

11.17 Objective 17 – Disposal of Rubbish

To preserve Domain values through appropriate disposal and collection of rubbish and garden waste and encouraging Domain users to act responsibly.

Policies

11.17.1 No person shall deposit any domestic refuse, trade waste, garden refuse, rubble or other debris with the Domain without approval of the Open Spaces Manager.

11.17.2 Domain user groups are responsible for ensuring the area of their responsibility is kept clear of rubbish.

11.17.3 Event organisers are responsible for collection and disposal of rubbish when the Domain is booked for an event.

11.17.4 Council will consider and explore opportunities for improving its approaches to waste control, reduction and recycling in the Ashburton Domain and Gardens.

12. RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT AND REVIEW

12.1 Amendments

Any change or amendment to this Plan, not involving a comprehensive review of the Plan, shall be made using the procedures specified in Section 41(6)(a) of the Reserves Act 1977 and Sections 28 and 29 of the Reserves Amendment Act 1979.

12.2 Plan Review

The Plan shall be kept under continuous review as required by Section 41(4) of the Reserves Act 1977.



Figure 8: Ashburton Domain and Gardens Duck Pond

APPENDIX 1 HISTORIC TREE REGISTER

TREE REGISTER - ASHBURTON DOMAIN AND GARDENS

- (1) Cedrus deodara — Deodar Cedar*
Plaque reads “To the memory of Private John Readhead, Curator of Ashburton Domain. Killed in France 22 September 1916.”
- (2) Quercus rubra — Red Oak*
Plaque reads “This Oak planted 22nd June 1956 commemorates 21 years progress in Mid Canterbury CWI.”
- (3) Sophora Teraptera — S I Kowhai*
Plaque reads “Dominion Kowhai. Planted by the Mayoress Mrs H Davis 26th September 1907.”
- (4) Quercus robur — English Oak*
Plaque reads “Coronation Oak. Planted by the Mayoress Mrs W H Collins, Ashburton, August 9th 1902.”
- (5) Quercus robur — English Oak*
Plaque reads “Coronation Oak planted by Mrs V J Harper, Ashburton August 9th 1902.”
- (6) Fagus sylvatica — English Beech*
Plaque reads “This tree was planted by the Mayoress Mrs Henry Davis on September 1st 1910 in memory of Florence Nightingale O M. Great Benefactress to suffering mankind. Born May 12 1820, Died August 13 1910. A Lady with a lamp shall stand. In the great history of the land. A noble type of good. Heroic womanhood.”
- (7) Quercus robur — English Oak*
Plaque reads “This Oak was planted by Mrs H Galbraith, Mayoress on July 19th 1919. In commemoration of Empires victory in Great War 1914-18.”
- (8) Prunus autumnalis — Autumn Cherry*
Plaque reads “Queen Elizabeth II Coronation. Planted by Mayoress Mrs E C Bathurst 2nd June 1953.”
- (9) Tilia vulgaris — Lime*
Plaque reads “This Lime tree was planted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 13th October 1981.”
- (10) Cedrus atlantica glauca — Blue Atlas Cedar*
Plaque reads “Planted by Mid Canterbury Executive WDF. To commemorate the Centennial Year of the Province 1950-51.”
- (11) Catalpa bignoniodes, ovata speciosa — Bean Trees*
Group of trees planted by the Governor General and Lady Beattie on October 26th 1984.
- (12) Fagus sylvatica Zlatia — Golden Beech*
Plaque reads “Planted 7th February 1977 by the Mayoress Mrs D O Digby to commemorate the 25th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.”

- (13) Quercus robur — English Oak*
Plaque reads “Planted 7th February 1977 by the Mayor Mr D O Digby to commemorate the 25th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.”
- (14) Cedrus deodara aurea — Golden Deodar*
Plaque reads “Mid Canterbury Federation Country Womens Institutes 1935-1985.”*
- (15) Quercus robur — English Oak*
Plaque reads “Ashburton Borough Centennial 1979-1978. Donated by Netherby C W I.”
- (16) Betula costata
Planted by the Governor General & Lady Reeves.
- (17) Fagus sylvatica ‘Luteovariegata’ — Variegated English Beech
Planted by Mrs Kath Read, Past President Ashburton Horticultural Society, on 26 November 1990 to commemorate the 1990 Anniversary.
- (18) Metasequoia glyptostroboides
To commemorate Earth Day 22 April 1990
- (19) Abies holophylla*
Planted by Ashburton Diabetic Society Inc on 27 June 1991 to commemorate World Diabetes Day.
- (20) Podocarpus totara*
Planted by Telecom New Zealand and the New Zealand Police on 21 April 1995, and is symbolic of the need to nurture the young people of Ashburton.
- (21) Olea verdale (3) — Olive Tree
Planted on 15 August 1995 to mark 50th Anniversary of V J Day
- (22) Fagus sylvatica ‘Riversii’ — Purple English Beech
Planted by the Mayoress Mrs Anderson on 11 September 1997 in memory of Princess Diana.
- (23) Dacrydium cupressinum — Rimu*
Planted on 24 May 1991 to mark 25th Anniversary of Amnesty International.
- (24) Davidia involucreta — Dove Tree*
Planted by the Mayor Mr Anderson and representative from St Josephs School on 25 September 1997 in memory of Mother Teresa.
- (25) Liriodendron tulipifera ‘Aureo-marginatum’ — Variegated Tulip Tree*
Planted by Rural Women New Zealand in October 1999.
- (26) Aesculus hippocastanum — Horse Chestnut*
Lions Club International District 202J.
Planted by Maryann Mathews, Wife of District Governor John on 16 May 1992, to commemorate 75 years of Lions.

- (27) Acer rubrum — Red maple
In memory of Coral Jones, Mid-Canterbury Plunket Nurse 1968-1996.
- (28) Zelkova serrata
Planted on 7 April 1992 to mark 10th Anniversary of the Mid-Canterbury Playcentre Federation.
- (29) Agathus Australis
- (30) Fagus sylvatica 'Purpurea' – Purple Beech*
Plaque reads “This tree was planted by the Mayoress, Mrs H Woods, on 6 May 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of their Majesty King George V and Queen Mary”.
- (31) Acer rubrum*
Plaque reads “Commemorating 75 years of CWI in NZ. Planted by Mid Canterbury Federation 1996”.
- (32) Quercus robur – English Oak*
Plaque reads “King George V Coronation Oak, planted by the Mayoress, Mrs B Davis, June 22nd 1911”.
- (33) Quercus palustris – Pin Oak*
Plaque reads “This tree was planted by Mrs H Sutton Mother of Five Soldiers on July 21st 1919. In memory of the men who fell in the great war 1914-18. GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN”.
- (34) Davidia involucrate – Dove Tree
Planted on 5 June 2001 to mark World Environment Day by Soroptimist International Ashburton.
- (35) Quercus ellipsoidalis – Northern Pin Oak*
This tree was planted by, ASHBURTON GARDEN CLUB, to COMMEMORATE 50th ANNIVERSARY, 1951-2001
- (36) Sorbus aria 'Lutescens'*
Planted by Ashburton Branch of NZ RED CROSS SOCIETY INC on the 25th June 2007, to commemorate the 75th Jubilee of Red Cross in NZ, 1931-2006
- (37) Tilea tomentosa - Silver Lime*
Planted on 29 July 2012 in Memory of Ian Fraser Bonisch, A valued Ashburton Lion, Domain Curator, District Councillor, 1920-2011
- (38) Fagus sylvatica 'Pendula' Weeping English Beech
Planted in memory of the Domain Parks Superintendent 1982-1988. Planted by Mrs L Thompson, 23 September 1988.

* Trees have a plaque in place

APPENDIX 2 - OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

This Reserve Management Plan has been prepared with consideration of, and reference to, a number of other relevant documents. These documents have assisted in providing both direction and the highlighting of issues that need to be considered and addressed.

Documents that have been considered in the preparation of this plan include:

- Ashburton District Council Parks and Recreation Activity Management Plan
- Ashburton District Council Reserves and Camp Grounds Activity Management Plan
- Ashburton District Development Plan
- Ashburton District Sport and Recreation Strategy
- Ashburton District Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Ashburton District Council Neighbourhood Open Space Strategy
- Ashburton District Council Bylaw – Chapter 18
- Ashburton District Council Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022
- Ashburton District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- Reserves Act 1977