

# RAKAIA DOMAIN



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# RAKAIA DOMAIN

## INTRODUCTION

The Rakaia Domain is a reserve vested in the Ashburton District Council. The Domain is situated in the north western corner of the township of Rakaia. The Domain is 19.8296 hectares in area and is close to the Rakaia River which is to the north. The Domain is on the northern side of Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road. Associated with the Domain is a large forestry plantation of 40.8732 hectares in area. Proceeds from the plantation are used for the development and running of the Domain.

Section 47 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.

## RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION

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

1. Advertise the Council's intention to prepare a draft reserve management plan and seek information relevant to the preparation of the plan
2. Prepare a draft reserve management plan
3. Notify the draft reserve management plan and seek community feedback
4. Consider feedback received and amend the plan where appropriate
5. Adopt the reserve management plan subject to the plan being able to be reviewed at any time.

This reserve management plan for the Rakaia Domain was adopted by Ashburton District Council on 14 June 2012.

## 1. LOCATION

The Rakaia Domain is located in the north western corner of Rakaia. It has a frontage on to Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road. The rear of the Domain adjoins Normanby Road. The Domain is approximately 700 metres west of State Highway 1. On the northern side of Normanby Road is the forestry plantation which is ancillary to the operation of the Domain.

The location of the Domain and plantation is illustrated below:

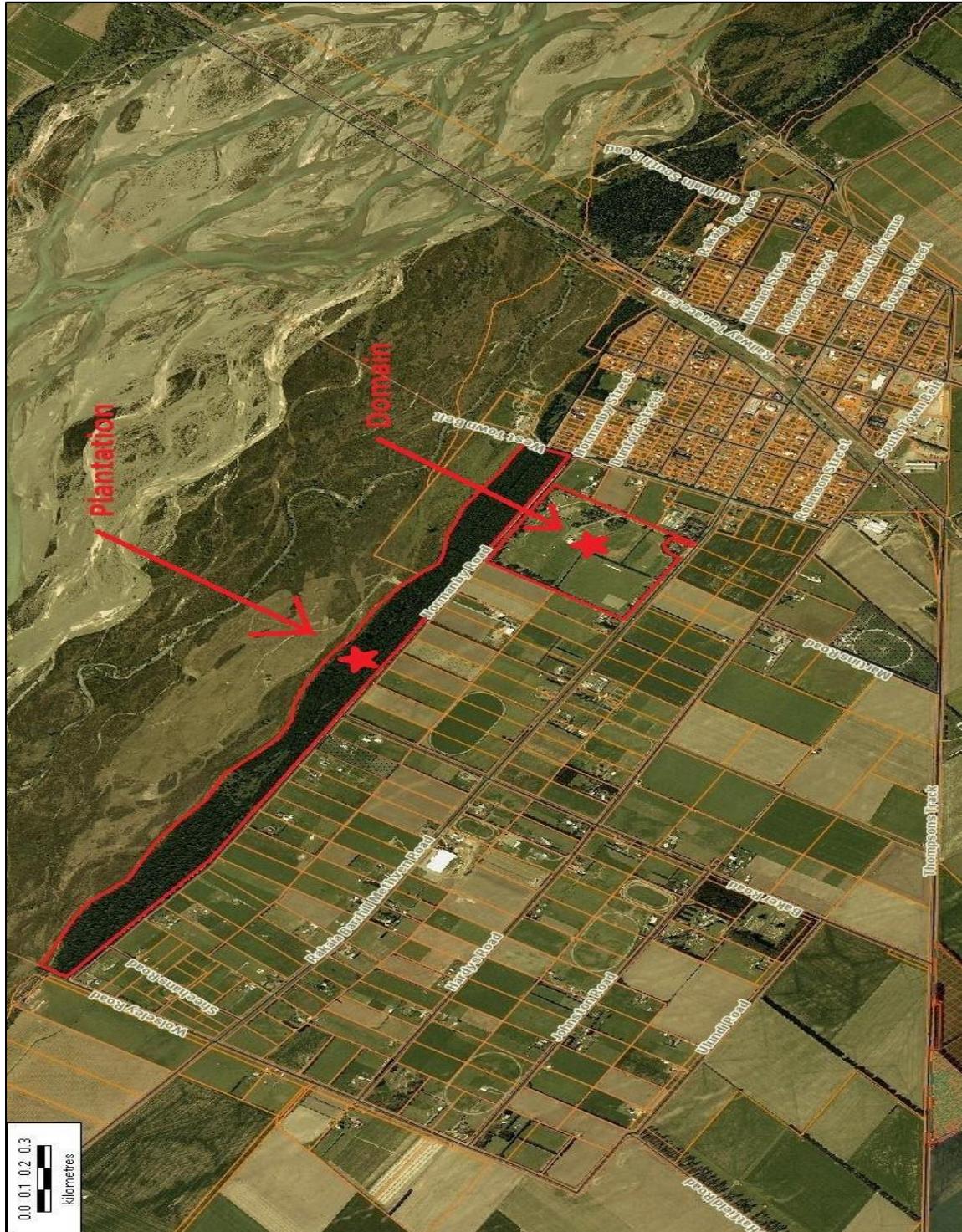


Figure 1: Rakaia Domain Location Plan

## 2. TENURE AND AREA

The Rakaia Domain comprises 19.8296 hectares in area and is legally described as RES 4638 BLK V RAKAIA VILL SETT BLK XIII RAKAIA SD.

The Rakaia Domain is classified, by way of gazette notice, as Recreation Reserve.

Associated with the Domain is the pine plantation which is 40.8732 hectares in area and legally described RES 2537 SOUTH RAKAIA VILL SETT BLK XIKIII RAKAIA SD.

## 3. ZONING

The Domain and plantation are zoned Rural A under the provisions of the Ashburton District Council Operative District Plan. There is a designation over the Domain (excluding the plantation area) being designation number 98. Designation 98 has been imposed by the Ashburton District Council, as requiring authority, and the purpose of the designation is for recreation purposes.

In April 2010 the Ashburton District Proposed District Plan was released. The Domain is proposed to be zoned Residential D under this plan. The Domain is also designated (No. 197). The designation has been imposed by the Ashburton District Council and the purpose of the designation is for recreation purposes. The plantation is proposed to be partly zoned Rural A and partly Rural B.



Figure 2: Rakaia Bowling Club

#### 4. HISTORY

The early records of the Rakaia Domain, known until 1959 as the South Rakaia Domain, can be dated back to 1880, when the first South Rakaia Domain Board was appointed to manage 155 acres and 2 roods of reserve land. The initial work of the Board focused on preparing the land for use by the community with ploughing, extensive planting of trees and fencing taking place.

From the outset the Domain has grown and harvested trees for income to enhance and improve the Domain for the community. This practise continues today.

The Domain quickly established itself as a central location for meeting the sport and recreation needs of the community. From the beginning it was used for a range of sport and recreation, such as athletics and team sports like football, and by 1887 the domain board granted permission for the outside of the track to be used as a training track for horses.

In 1885 the inaugural Boxing Day sports competition was held. This became an annual event at the Domain and included horse racing and athletic events.

A swimming pond was built in the Domain in 1892. The depth of the pond transitioned from two feet at one end through to eight and a half feet at the other, with the deep water separated by sheep netting. The hours were fixed so men and women could swim at separate hours, with men being allowed to swim between 6pm and 10am, while woman could swim during the day. The Rakaia Amateur Swimming Club was subsequently formed and held swimming competitions from as early as 1894.

In a report to Parliament by the Lands Department in 1911 it was recorded that the improvements on the Domain consisted of; fences, well, pump, horse-yards, saddling paddock, swimming pond, two dressing sheds, office, concrete cricket pitch, racecourse, running track, rustic seats, water race and about 130 acres of tree plantations.

By the 1920's the Domain had firmly established itself as the sport and recreation centre of the area with horse racing, hockey, football, tennis, athletics, cycling, cricket, croquet, lawn bowls and swimming all occurring at the Domain.

In 1921 the Domain Board received a request from Ashburton Hospital for an acre of land from the Board to establish a cottage hospital for the area. The Board granted permission for the Rakaia Cottage Hospital to be built on the south-east corner of the Domain. This went on to serve as the maternity centre for the area for many years.

During World War Two, an army camp for military personnel was based at the Domain.

In 1959, the South Rakaia Domain became known as the Rakaia Domain under the Reserves and Domains Act (1957). The land was formally classified as a recreation reserve in 1979 under the Reserves Act (1977).

Since the 1980's the Domain has continued to develop and keep pace with the demands of the community. Clubs located on the Domain have also altered their approach to meeting their members' needs, with some clubs investing significantly in buildings located on the Domain. While Ashburton District Council is the administering body for the Domain, the Rakaia Domain Board remains responsible for the daily management of the land.

## **5. KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

### **5.1 Topography and soils:**

The land is generally flat but does include a large berm along its northern boundary. This enables easy use of the land for most sports and recreation activities but provides some limitations in visual amenity. The plantation area is gently undulating and located between Normandy Road and the escarpment face where the terrace drops down to the Rakaia River flats.

The Domain contains a combination of Halkett deep sand soils and Templeton deep silt loam and fine sandy loam.

### **5.2 Flora and Fauna:**

The Domain consists of open grass areas and mature plantings including substantial hedging along all boundaries. There are also internal belts of trees which tend to create a physical separation between the various recreational activities.

There are no trees within the Rakaia Domain that are protected in the Ashburton District Plan.

The majority of the open space areas of the Domain are grassed, mown and maintained regularly.

### **5.3 Amenity**

The amenity values of the Domain include:

- Open spaces available for passive recreation which also maintain wider views of the Domain interspersed by specimen trees and shelter belts providing a backdrop to the Domain.
- Buildings are typically located in the eastern corner of the Domain. A number of activities tend to 'fan out' from this location.
- Buildings are more typically utilitarian in nature.

## **6. PRESENT USE**

The use of the Domain is a combination of public recreational areas and areas for community groups and societies. At the time of preparing this plan specific user groups and facilities include:

- Rakaia Bowling Club
- Rakaia Hockey Club
- Rakaia Netball Club
- Rakaia Rugby Club
- Rakaia Soccer Club
- Rakaia Squash Club
- Rakaia Tennis Club
- Rakaia Pony Club
- Rakaia Softball Club

The plantation area is, at the time of preparing this plan, vegetated in young pine plantings. It is also noted a Council water storage site is located in the north eastern corner of the site. A formal easement has been established to accommodate the activity on the plantation area.

In addition the Rakaia River Terrace Walkway travels through the plantation area. The walkway is a recent addition to the area and is approximately 3.2 kilometres in length.



Figure 3: Rakaia Pony Club

## 7. ADJOINING LAND USE

The Domain is located on the edge of the township of Rakaia. Activities in the area adjoining the Domain include residential, rural residential, rural and forestry activities. It is also noted the Rakaia River and associated flood plain are approximately 200m north of the site.

## 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 of the Domain is undertaken by the Rakaia Domain Board, which is a subcommittee of Council.

A constitution has been established for the Board to manage the Domain. The constitution directs that the board shall manage the Rakaia Domain and attend to its care, maintenance and improvement. This constitution may be updated and amended to meet changes in circumstances as required.

The board can have a maximum of eight members which consist of one elected member of Council and up to seven members elected by ballot at a public meeting held in November following each general election of the Council.

The constitution provides for various matters including that the board may make recommendations to Council on all matters falling within the provisions of section 53 of the Reserves Act 1977, liaison with Council officers in the production of a management plan and the making of recommendations to Council on matters relating to the letting of any land within the Domain.

In addition to the Domain there is a further area of land on the eastern side of Rakaia which is held as reserve. This land is not part of the Rakaia Domain and is not part of the area to which this management plan applies but it is recognised that the land is controlled by the Rakaia Domain Board. The land is typically grazed or leased out and any payments received can be used towards the maintenance and improvement of the Domain. The location of the additional land is identified below:



Figure 4: Additional Reserve Land

## **9. REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The Rakaia Domain is a significant open space and sport and recreation facility for Rakaia and the wider Ashburton District due to its scale, the variety of activities it caters for and also the number of Domain users who live in the wider rural area.

## **10. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

It is expected the Rakaia Domain will continue to evolve in the way it is used and enjoyed by the Ashburton District community and by visitors to the district.

The Rakaia Domain Board has a responsibility to ensure development of the Domain meets the needs of the community and maintains the asset for its intended purpose under the Reserves Act 1977.

At the time of preparing this plan investigations are being undertaken to determine the feasibility of the establishment of a combined indoor sports facility at the Domain. The establishment of such a facility would provide a significant asset for the township and wider area and would create the need to consider the wider management of the Domain including access and car parking facilities. In determining the suitability and design of the sports hub a development plan will need to be created for the Domain which will include the opportunity for consultation with other Domain users and the public.

Beyond the proposed indoor sports facility it is noted the Domain is well utilised and maintained. It is anticipated that the majority of activities on the Domain will consist of maintaining and enhancing existing facilities. Options to consider as part of any enhancement could include the improvement of linkages of the Domain with the township including for pedestrians and cyclists. A long term landscape plan should also be developed including the potential replacement of mature plantings which may be nearing the end of their lifespan.

The Rakaia Domain Board and / or Council may prepare a development plan consistent with the objectives of the vesting of the land and also consistent with the future needs of the community.



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 Rakaia Domain in perpetuity for the physical wellbeing and appreciation of the public, to an extent that does not compromise its recreation values.

#### Policies

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

**11.1.2** The Rakaia Domain Board, in conjunction with the Ashburton District Council, shall carry out the day to day administration and management of the Rakaia Domain within the terms of its constitution, the policies contained in this document and the delegations provided by Ashburton District Council.

**11.1.3** Recreation areas shall be maintained to a standard that is in keeping with their use.

**11.1.4** No person shall deposit any domestic refuse, trade waste, garden refuse, rubble or other debris on the Rakaia Domain without approval of the Rakaia Domain Board.

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



Figure 6: Rakaia Domain Public Playground

## **11.2 Objective 2 - Vegetation**

To develop and maintain the vegetation on the Rakaia Domain as a feature contributing to the attractiveness and popularity of the Domain.

### **Policies**

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

**11.2.2** Maintenance or removal of vegetation shall only be undertaken by the Domain Board or Council after approval by the Ashburton District Council Parks and Recreation Manager except that such works may be undertaken without approval in an emergency situation.

**11.2.3** 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.

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

- (a) Potential danger to life and property;
- (b) The interests of the public and Domain users;
- (c) The values and protection of the tree; and
- (d) Whether the tree has been identified as being of significance as per policy 11.2.3.

**11.2.5** In the determination and establishment of new plantings on the Domain the use of indigenous species shall be encouraged where appropriate.

## **11.3 Objective 3 - Buildings**

To provide and maintain well-designed and appropriately located buildings and structures on the Domain to 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 the purpose of the Domain being recreation.

**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

**11.3.4** All buildings on 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 on the recommendation of the Rakaia Domain Board and shall be in keeping with any design guidelines provided.

**11.3.6** Buildings and structures on the Domain shall be designed to a high standard and, to the extent practicable, be designed to limit the opportunity for vandalism.

**11.3.7** The designing of new buildings or of modifications to existing buildings shall incorporate opportunities for multiple users to utilise the buildings as opposed to a single club or society.

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

**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 the Rakaia Domain Board.

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

**11.3.11** Clubs and societies shall be responsible for the full cost of removal of any building and associated facilities when no longer required.

**11.3.12** 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.

#### **11.4 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.

To ensure permanent and casual users of the Rakaia Domain pay a “fair share” contribution to maintenance and development of the Rakaia Domain.

#### **Policies**

**11.4.1** The Rakaia Domain Board shall enter into a lease, rental or license to occupy arrangement with any organisation for the use of any part of the Rakaia Domain where the user gains a special benefit that is not available to other Domain users, or where there are costs to the Board associated with a particular activity or event. Prior to formal agreement the Board must obtain the approval of Council.

**11.4.2** Any such arrangement provided for by Policy 11.4.1 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.

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

**11.4.4** 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.

**11.4.5** The Rakaia Domain Board may charge a fee for the use of any part the Rakaia Domain where the user gains a special benefit that is not available to other Domain users, or where there are costs to the Board associated with a particular activity or event.

**11.4.6** Rakaia Domain sports field, facility and park fees shall be adopted by Council (on the recommendation of the Rakaia Domain Board) annually and made publicly available

**11.4.7** Any revenue generated from a lease or rental or other such payment shall be used exclusively for the maintenance and improvement of the Rakaia Domain.



Figure 7: Rakaia Domain Tennis/Netball Courts

## 11.5 Objective 5 – Access

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

### Policies

**11.5.1** 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 Rakaia Domain Board. Any new developments of this type should be approved by Council.

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

**11.5.3** Access to the Domain or to parts of the Domain may be restricted for motorised vehicles as decided by Council or the Rakaia Domain Board when such a measure is intended to promote general user safety or to prevent damage to property.

**11.5.4** Vehicle access for special events may be granted by the Domain Board for specific purposes and then terminated at the completion of the event.

**11.5.5** Where car parking areas are provided for clubs and societies, all costs relating to the formation and maintenance of the car park shall be borne by the club or organisation concerned. If the car parking area is shared between clubs and organisations the costs shall be appropriately apportioned.

**11.5.6** 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.

## **11.6 Objective 6 – Network Infrastructure**

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

### **Policies**

**11.6.1** Any permanent or long term arrangements to place network infrastructure on the Rakaia Domain must have the approval of Council.

**11.6.2** No new network utility infrastructure will be permitted on the Rakaia Domain unless a definite benefit to the Domain or wider community can be established.

**11.6.3** Any new utility infrastructure required to be placed within the Rakaia Domain must be designed and constructed in ways that minimise both the impact on usability of the Domain for its vested purpose and the visual impact on the Domain.

**11.6.4** Any new cabled infrastructure to be placed within the Rakaia Domain shall, where practicable, be laid underground.

**11.6.5** The Rakaia Domain Board may permit network utility operators conditional access to Domain land to inspect, maintain, operate or upgrade existing works, subject to the provisions of the relevant empowering Acts, The Reserves Act 1977 and conditions of Council. This shall be on the basis of terms agreed by the Board and the relevant operator.

**11.6.6** 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 ways that are consistent with minimising the impact of that infrastructure on the Domain and its users.

**11.6.7** Network utility operators must supply a useable and up to date “as-built” infrastructure plan in a form and detail agreed with Council officers, including information regarding their location on the Domain as a condition of any occupation agreement. A copy of this information shall also be supplied to the Rakaia Domain Board for their records.

**11.6.8** 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 improvement of the Rakaia Domain.

## **11.7 Objective 7 – 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**

**11.7.1** The granting of liquor licenses for premises located on the Rakaia Domain, or special licenses in defined areas for one-off events, will not be opposed where:

- (a) The granting of permission is consistent with the purpose of the Domain; and

- (b) The effects on the Domain, Domain users and neighbours can be appropriately addressed; and
- (c) Applicants can provide evidence they have met the requirements of relevant legislation, regulations, codes and permits.

### **11.8 Objective 8 – 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**

**11.8.1** Access of dogs onto the Rakaia Domain 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.

**11.8.2** Dogs are prohibited from 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 Rakaia Domain to allow better protection of domain values or user experiences. Dogs within these exclusion areas may be impounded.

**11.8.3** The person controlling a dog on the Rakaia Domain is responsible for immediate removal and disposal of any dog faeces.

**11.8.4** Cats and other domestic animals, other than dogs, must be restrained appropriately unless approved by the Rakaia Domain Board.

**11.8.5** Horses may only be in areas of the Domain designated by the Rakaia Domain Board for this purpose.

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

### **11.9 Objective 9 – Play Equipment**

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

To create playgrounds and areas that are creative, stimulating and fun and to encourage children to engage in social interaction and physical activity.

#### **Policies**

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

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

**11.9.3** All play equipment shall be given a regular maintenance inspection and a six monthly safety inspection by Council to ensure all pieces of equipment are maintained to a safe standard. A written record of regular and safety inspections shall be maintained including the identification of where repairs and works are required.

**11.9.4** Responsibility for the repair of play equipment shall, in the first instance, be with the Rakaia Domain Board. If repairs are identified as being required and, upon being advised, the Board has not acted to correct the situation within a reasonable time period, Council shall undertake those repairs and charge the Board accordingly.

**11.9.5** Informal play opportunities shall be encouraged through the design of open spaces within the Rakaia Domain using the natural landforms and existing features.

**11.9.6** 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.

#### **11.10 Objective 10 – Smokefree Policy**

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

##### **Policies**

**11.10.1** Playground areas, sports fields and courts on the Domain shall be smoke free, in line with Council’s smokefree playgrounds and sports fields policy.

**11.10.2** Council will ensure appropriate signage and ongoing communication is provided, as deemed necessary by Council.

**11.10.3** The Rakaia Domain Board 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 from the Domain Board and amend its smokefree policy accordingly.

#### **11.11 Objective 11 - Memorials**

To recognise the Rakaia Domain as an important community facility that recognises and remembers the past.

##### **Policies**

**11.11.1** Commemorative plaques and memorials within the Domain shall be maintained and kept clear of vegetation.

**11.11.2** Written and photographic records including location plans shall be maintained of all memorials, plaques and bequests on, or made to, the Rakaia Domain.

**11.11.3** Written and photographic records including location plans shall be maintained for all trees gifted, presented to or bequeathed and planted on the Rakaia Domain.

### **11.12 Objective 12 – Signage and advertising**

To provide signs that assist in user orientation, Domain legibility and enhance educational opportunities in the Domain.

To enable sponsorship and commercialised activities that assist with the promotion of the economically sustainable use of the Domain and the facilities within it.

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

#### **Policies**

**11.12.1** All signage within the Rakaia Domain 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 Rakaia Domain Board.

**11.12.2** 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 Rakaia Domain.

**11.12.3** Permanent signs for trade advertising or sponsorship may be permitted with the approval of the Rakaia Domain Board only if the sign is to be located within the activity area to which it relates and only where 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.

**11.12.4** 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 Rakaia Domain Board. The position of all temporary advertising shall be approved by the Rakaia Domain Board, all costs shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

**11.12.5** Domain occupiers must apply to the Rakaia Domain Board 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.

### **11.13 Objective 13 – Forestry**

To provide for commercial forestry to be undertaken within the plantation area to provide for the operation and enhancement of the Domain while minimising impacts on the public.

#### **Policies**

**11.13.1** Forestry is provided for within the area identified as plantation provided that all proceeds from the activity shall be utilised for the operation and enhancement of the Rakaia Domain.

**11.13.2** All forestry activities shall be carried out in accordance with relevant health and safety requirements. This shall include the adoption of all practical safety measures to ensure members of the public are not at risk during harvesting operations.

#### **11.14 Objective 14 – 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**

**11.14.1** Temporary events held on the Domain shall include the preparation of a health and safety management plan and a copy of the plan shall be available to Council or the Rakaia Domain Board upon their request a minimum of five days prior to the event.

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

**11.14.3** The Rakaia Domain Board shall hold public liability insurance to a value appropriate for the activities undertaken on the Domain.

**11.14.4** It shall be recognised that while the Rakaia Domain Board, clubs, societies and other organisations have 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.

**11.14.5** The Rakaia Domain Board shall not permit activities to take place in parts of the Domain where they may be subject to health and safety risks arising from the established use of the Domain.

## **12. RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT AND REVIEW**

### **12.1 Amendments**

Any change or amendment to this plan, not involving a comprehensive review of the management plan, shall be made by adopting 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: Rakaia Squash Club**