

Love Your Parks

*Help us create our new
Reserve Management Plan*



Ashburton
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Introduction

Reserve Management Plan

We're creating a combined Reserve Management Plan for the parks and reserves in our district. The plan will help ensure parks and reserves are protected, maintained and able to be enjoyed safely by everyone.

We want to hear from those who visit and live near these precious green spaces.

- ✓ **What do you value about them?**
- ✓ **How do we look after them in the future?**

Your feedback and ideas will help us to start developing a new plan for managing the parks and reserves in the Ashburton District.

We are accepting feedback until
5pm, Friday 7 July 2023.



Parks and reserves play an invaluable role in enhancing the quality of life of our community.

From small neighbourhood parks to our large domains, these green spaces provide places for our residents to relax and play. They offer opportunities for active recreation such as walking and sports, and serve as social gathering places for families and community groups.

Some also hold immense ecological value, helping to preserve the district's biodiversity, and protect our flora and fauna. The trees, plants and soil also sequester carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that is contributing to climate change.

When managed well, our parks and reserves provide a balance between nature, recreation and community wellbeing.



What is a Reserve Management Plan?

A Reserve Management Plan contains details of how a park or reserve should be managed, what activities it should cater for and what facilities will be provided.

It helps ensure that the park or reserve is maintained, protected, and developed in a way that preserves its recreational, historical, and ecological values, while enabling people to use and enjoy the space.



Why do we need a Reserve Management Plan?

Preparing a Reserve Management Plan is a statutory requirement under the Reserves Act 1977.

We are following the process outlined under section 41 of the Act to prepare a combined plan for Ashburton District's 125 parks and reserves.

We currently have individual plans for seven of our reserves: Hinds Domain, Mayfield Domain, Methven Domain, Mt Somers Domain, Rakaia Domain, Tinwald Domain, and Ashburton Domain and Gardens. However, some of them are now over 10 years old and due for review.

Council has decided to prepare a single management plan that will encompass all of our district's parks and reserves. This has several benefits:

- ✓ **It will be up to date and fit for purpose; and**
- ✓ **It will include all the district's parks and reserves; and**
- ✓ **It will ensure consistent management approach across the district.**

How can I be involved?

There are two opportunities for our community to be involved with the development of the Reserve Management Plan, and we encourage you to take part in both stages.

You can view maps of our parks and read more about the development of the Reserve Management Plan at ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Stage 1: Now – July 2023

Gathering ideas from the community:

- We'll gather your suggestions and ideas about how we manage our parks and reserves.
- We'll use this feedback to help write a draft plan that incorporates the thoughts of the community while meeting our legislative requirements.



Stage 2: December 2023- February 2024

Consulting on the draft plan:

- We'll release the Draft Reserve Management Plan for community submissions.
- Following a hearing for those who wish to speak in person, Council will deliberate on all feedback received and make changes if required. The Reserve Management Plan will then be formally adopted.





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Share your thoughts

You have until 5pm, Friday 7 July 2023 to provide your feedback.

We want to hear your feedback and ideas on our parks and reserves. In the first four questions we'd like to get your general thoughts about parks and reserves across the district.

The next two questions ask you about specific parks and reserves in your local area.

The easiest way to provide your feedback is online.



ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Alternatively, provide your feedback on the attached submission form and get it back to us by:



FREEPOST TO

Ashburton District Council
Freepost 230444
PO Box 94
Ashburton 7740



IN PERSON

Dropping it off at:
Ashburton District
Council reception –
5 Baring Square West



ONLINE AT

ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay



EMAIL TO

submissions@adc.govt.nz

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Reserve Management Plan

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. Your feedback will help us prepare the Draft Reserve Management Plan.

You can answer on any or all of the questions below. You don't have to complete every question.

1 What do you value most about our parks and reserves?

2 Are there any key issues or problems with our parks and reserves?

3 What can we do to protect the special values of our reserves and parks?

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YOUR DETAILS

You have until 5pm, Friday 7 July 2023 to provide your feedback.

Name:

Organisation (if appropriate):

Address:

Email:

 phone:

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I'd like to be notified when the next stage of consultation opens. (please provide your email)

Please note all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website with the names of submitters included. If using this form, please feel free to use additional paper to add your thoughts" or words to that effect.

Prefer to submit online?
ashburtondc.govt.nz/haveyoursay



4 What would make our reserves and parks better in the future?

5 Can you tell us what you like about your neighbourhood or local park or reserve? (Please include the name and location)

6 What could be improved in your neighbourhood or local park or reserve (Please include name and location)?

7 Is there anything else you'd like to mention about the parks and reserves in the Ashburton District?

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