

5.1 Development

- a. Any development or work or special recreational use on reserves must have the approval of the Reserve Supervisor **and** the Reserve Planner.
- b. Reserve development shall comply with the objectives and policies of the District Plan and the Reserves Act 1977.
- c. Development of the reserve shall emphasise and enhance the value of open space for recreational purposes.

5.2 The location of buildings

Sculpture, artwork, plaques, and play equipment in the Adventure Playground will be located where:

- a. They will be most highly utilised by reserve users.
- b. Play equipment is alongside other apparatus so the reserve's facilities are linked to one another. Children enjoy compact play areas where they can mix with other children easily.

5.3 All New Buildings

- a. All new buildings (including fences) must comply with the regulations set out in the Fencing Act 1977 and the Building Act 1991.

5.4 Size and Design

Size and design of all new buildings and structures shall be of a size and design in which:

- a. The form, design and location of the building does not have any adverse effects on the visual and physical features of the reserve.
- b. Materials colour and design will encourage the motivations of play.
- c. The design of buildings and /or facilities will be in compliance with the design and performance requirements of the District Plan.
- d. The appearance of buildings and materials used in their construction will minimise the opportunities for vandalism.

5.5 *Substandard Buildings*

Substandard buildings and structures shall be removed and replaced if necessary.

5.6 *Leases and Licences for Use of Land and Facilities*

- a. The development and use of any land leased out shall comply with the general and specific policies controlling the reserve under the requirements of the District Plan, and the requirements of the Reserve Act 1977.
- b. The conditions of any leases shall be based on those prescribed in the first schedule of the Reserves Act 1977.

5.7 *Overnight Camping*

Over night camping on the Adventure Playground is prohibited.

5.8 *Commercial Activity*

Temporary small scale commercial activity such as gala days and fleamarkets will be permitted if the following conditions are met:

- a. Organisers must gain the permission of the Council to hold such events.
- b. Council may require a bond to cover damage to vegetation or buildings, and rubbish collection.
- c. The commercial activity in a recreational reserve may only be an occasional event. Regular commercial events will not be permitted.

5.9 *Charge Events*

Charge events will be permitted if the following conditions are met:-

- a. Organisers gain the permission of Council to hold such events.
- b. Council may require a bond to cover any damage resulting from the charge event activities.

5.10 Visitor Numbers

There is no restriction on the number of visitor numbers in recreational reserves (except in those conditions outlined below).

- a. Special events such as galas and charge events that may attract large numbers of people to a particular reserve may require a permit from the Council (See policy (5.9 (a)). Council will determine whether visitor numbers maybe too high and can impose conditions, transfer the event to another park or not permit it to go ahead.

5.11 Tree Maintenance and Removal

Existing trees shall be maintained in good condition and may be removed only for reasons of safety or good management as set out below:

- a. The tree is dead, dying or diseased.
- b. The tree has become a danger to public safety (i.e the tree is growing into power lines).
- c. The tree is obstructing the water flow in any drainage system, or the stream.
- d. The tree is suppressing or inhibiting growth of a more desirable specimen of tree or other vegetation of greater interest to the public (i.e. native).
- e. The tree is a poor specimen or is unsuited to the site due to soil type or other factors and needs to be removed in order that the area be replanted with trees that will make better specimens.
- f. No tree removal will commence without the approval of the Reserves Supervisor. Any planting undertaken must have the prior consent of the Reserves Supervisor and the Reserves Planner.

5.12 New Planting

New planting will take place in appropriate areas where they will enhance the environment of the reserve in order to:

- a. Provide shelter and shade for reserve users.
- b. Replace trees removed for reasons listed above.

- c. Increase soil stability and control erosion.
- d. Screen the boundaries of the Park.
- e. At all appropriate opportunities native species shall be selected for new planting.
- f. New planting will be undertaken as staffing and financing permits.

5.13 Landscaping

All landscaping will take into consideration the location of the reserve within the immediate neighbourhood and the intended use of the reserve as a play area.

5.14 Ground Management

- a. The Council will maintain the grounds to a level acceptable for informal active recreation including play.
- b. Ground maintenance will be carried out in accordance with the Contract Agreement for reserve maintenance between the Contractor and the Gisborne District Council.
- c. The Council will endeavour to reduce the extent of vandalism within the reserve.

5.15 Seating

Picnic tables, litter receptacles, play equipment and other park furniture shall be placed in pleasant settings with regard to the orientation of the sun, shelter from the wind, and views of the reserve. Furniture shall also be placed at strategic points (rises in the undulating landscape) where caregivers can watch their children.

5.16 Site Furniture and Fittings

To provide site furniture and fittings appropriate to the park and compliant with the park's policies to facilitate public use and enjoyment of the park.

- a. Furniture and fittings shall be designed so that they relate to one and other. They should be 'user-friendly' to users of all ages and abilities.
- b. Seating and picnic tables shall be placed in appropriate locations with regard to the orientation of sun, shelter, visibility and views.

- c. Rubbish receptacles should be placed in high use areas.

5.17 Fences

- a. The fence shall be of a height and design to minimise visual impact.
- b. The fence shall restrict vehicle access and parking on non-designated areas.
- c. All fences and boundaries must comply with the provisions of the Proposed District Plan and Building Act 1991.
- d. Fences and boundaries will be of a design which is consistent with their intended function and use.
- e. The Fencing Act (1977) will be invoked to ensure cost sharing for the maintenance and construction of boundary fences if necessary.

5.18 Vehicle Access and Parking

- a. Council vehicles and other vehicles authorised by the council shall have access to all parts of the reserve where their use is necessary.
- b. Parking should occur in designated car parking areas.

5.19 Signs

Signs located on reserves will be subject to the following design criteria;

- a. All signs on reserves are to comply with the provisions of the District Plan.
- b. Signs are to be visually prominent.
- c. The design of locational signs should be bright and colourful with pictures illustrating the feature as well as the words (Appendix 6.4 for an example of an appropriate design)

5.20 Lighting of Reserves

- a. Lighting on reserves will follow those standards set out in the District Plan and shall comply with the operative New Zealand Standard for outdoor lighting.

- b. Installation of lighting is subject to the approval of Council and the guidelines set out in the Appendix.
- c. Lighting of cycle and pedestrian paths shall be provided where appropriate for the safety and convenience of the public.
- d. Cables for light fixtures should be underground wherever possible.
- e. Hours of operation of lights shall be limited to those approved by Council.
- f. Lighting and installations shall be designed to avoid excessive light spill and glare into surrounding residential areas.

5.21 Dog Control

Dogs are not permitted on the Adventure Playground Reserve. The Adventure Playground is a Dog Exclusion Area.

5.22 Fire Control

The lighting of open fires on the Adventure Playground reserve is prohibited. (The use of portable gas barbeques is permitted.)