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4.0 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

The objectives and policies of this Management Plan have been developed in consultation with the public of Gisborne and staff of the Gisborne District Council.

4.1 Ground Management

Objective ▶ To preserve, enhance and maintain recreational reserves to an acceptable level of New Zealand turf management standards.

Policies

- a. The Council will maintain the sports ground in a manner that is consistent with its use as an active recreational reserve.
- b. The Council will endeavour to reduce, control and maintain those areas which are vandalised.
- c. The Council will enforce its right to cancel any event or close the whole or part of the reserve where the turf surface cannot sustain uses that may result in the damage of the reserve.

4.2 Development

Objective ▶ To allow development of the Reserve in a manner that facilitates and encourages community development and enhances the recreational benefits of the reserve.

Policies

- a. **Reserve development** shall comply with the objectives and policies of the District Plan and the Reserves Act 1977.
- b. **Development of the reserve** shall emphasise and enhance the value of open space for recreational purposes.
- c. **The location of buildings**, sculpture, artwork and plaques in recreational reserves will be located only where:
 - They will not unduly restrict the area use available for outdoor recreation.
 - They do not obstruct the entrances to the reserve, either physically or visually.
- d. **All new buildings** (including fences) must comply with the regulations set out in the Fencing Act 1977 and the Building Act 1991.
- e. **Public buildings** on the reserve shall be provided for the specific proven needs of reserve users where this provision does not detrimentally affect the appearance or utility of the sports ground.
- f. **Size and design** – all new buildings and structures shall be of a size and design in which:

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- The form, design and location of the building does not have any adverse effects on the visual and physical features of the reserve.
 - Materials, colour and design will be in keeping with the natural surroundings.
 - The design of buildings and/or facilities will be in compliance with the design and performance requirements of the District Plan.
 - The appearance of buildings and materials used in their construction will minimise the opportunities for vandalism.
- g. **The location of buildings**, sculpture, artwork and plaques in recreational reserves will be located only where:
- They would not unduly restrict the area use able for outdoor recreation.
 - They do not obstruct the entrances to the parks either physically or visually.
 - They do not detract from the open nature of the reserve, especially as seen from the road.
- h. **Substandard buildings** and structures shall be removed when the opportunity arises and replaced if necessary.
- i. **Seating**, picnic tables, litter receptacles, barbecues, play equipment and other park furniture shall be placed in pleasant settings with regard for orientation to the sun, shelter from the wind and views of the reserve. Care shall be taken to avoid any visual distraction from the natural environment. All furniture shall be of a design functionally and visually appropriate to their surroundings.
- j. Signs located in recreational reserves will be subject to the following design criteria:
- Signs are visual aids hence they should be simple, understood and seen by all.
 - Signs are to be visual but not in such a position as to detract from the landscape qualities.
 - The design of signs shall be of one standard, functional and integrated with the surrounding landscape.
 - Where possible, all information shall be consolidated on to one sign.
 - Signs will conform with the various ordinances contained in the relevant district plan.
- k. **Lighting and night-time use of reserves:**
- Installation of lighting is subject to the approval of Council and the guidelines set out in the Appendix.
 - Lighting of cycle and pedestrian paths shall be provided where appropriate for the safety and convenience of the public.
 - Cables for light fixtures shall be underground wherever possible.
 - Hours of operation of lights shall be limited to those approved by the Council.

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- Use of recreational reserves for night training shall only be permitted where the sports surface can sustain such use in addition to normal daytime use without significant deterioration of its quality.
 - Lighting on recreational reserves will follow those standards set out by the District Plan and shall comply with the Operative New Zealand Standard for Outdoor Lighting (AS4282:1995).
- l. Leases and licences for use of land and facilities
- No leases or licences will be entered into on the Oval Reserve due to the fact that the use of the reserve is more suited to a setting apart agreement which covers a specified number of days in each year which is less than 12 months and shall not in the aggregate exceed 10 years, and the use of the reserve sought does not require the erection of buildings other than temporary buildings required for the period of use.
- m. Ancillary club liquor licences
- The use of buildings for social purposes shall be ancillary to the principal purpose of the reserve i.e. outdoor recreation.
 - The environmental impact of increased traffic, parking demand and other factors which may be associated with ancillary use of facilities shall be carefully assessed in considering any application for a general ancillary club licence.
 - The hours of operation for the sale and consumption of liquor shall be those laid down by the licensing Control Commission, but in any case conditions shall not exceed those hours as may be prescribed by the Council under the terms of its lease to the club or other organisation.
- n. Fire Control
- The lighting of open fires on the Oval Reserve is prohibited except in areas designed for barbecues. During the prohibited fire season only gas operated barbecues will be permitted to be used.
- o. Overnight Camping
- Overnight camping on the Oval Reserve and recreational reserves is prohibited.
- p. Charge Events
- Charge events will be permitted if the following conditions are met:
- Organisers must gain the permission of Council to hold such events.
 - Council may require a bond to cover failure to clear up turf damage resulting from the charge event activities.
- q. Visitor numbers
- There is no restriction on the number of visitor numbers on the Oval Reserve (except in those conditions outlined below).

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- Special events such as galas and charge events that may attract large numbers of people to the Oval Reserve may require a permit from the Council - see Policy (p). Council will determine whether visitor numbers may be too high and can impose conditions, transfer the event to another park or not permit it to go ahead.

4.3 Active Recreation

Objective ▶ To encourage and develop suitable provision for the enhancement of active recreation and the creation of multiple use facilities, for the sole purpose of maximising recreational opportunities.

Policies

- a. Where appropriate recreational activities shall be catered for within the boundaries of acceptable code compatibility.
- b. To develop and encourage the formation of a recreational strategy which focuses on the needs and wants of the community and determines the appropriate use of recreational reserves.
- c. To encourage and plan for the management, use, development and protection of the reserve to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of present and future generations of reserve users.

4.4 Landscape and Vegetation Management

Objective ▶ To develop, create, maintain and enhance a landscape within the reserve which is in character with the reserves intended use.

Policies

- a. Landscape development will focus on the carrying capacity of the reserve and its intended use.
- b. Turf standards are to be monitored and upgraded where necessary to ensure that the grounds are maintained to New Zealand Turf Standards.
- c. The planting and maintenance of tree species will seek to enhance the physical character of the reserve while maintaining its predominant feature as an open space. Existing trees shall be maintained in good condition and may only be removed for reasons of safety or good management as set out below:
 - The tree is dead, dying or deceased.
 - The tree has become a danger to public safety.
 - The tree interferes with essential public utilities or important public construction work.
 - The tree is obstructing the water flow in any drainage system, watercourse, stream or river.

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- The tree has outgrown its location or site, and is causing serious damage to buildings and properties, public or privately owned.
- The tree is suppressing or inhibiting the growth of more desirable specimen trees or other vegetation of greater interest to the public.
- 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 can be replanted with trees that will make better specimens.

(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.)

- d. New planting will take place in appropriate areas where they will enhance the environment of the park in order to:
- Provide shelter and shade for park users.
 - Integrate buildings into and improve the appearance of the area.
 - Replace trees removed for reasons mentioned above.
 - Increase soil stability and control erosion.
 - Screen the boundaries of the park.

(New planting will be undertaken as staffing and finance permits.)

- e. Landscaping and building development on the reserve will take into consideration the location of the park within the immediate neighbourhood and the importance of open space.
- f. The feasibility of an irrigation scheme for the Oval Reserve will be studied with the completion of this management plan.

4.5 Building

Objectives ▶ To ensure that the provision and maintenance of buildings and other structures is of a design and scale that is suited to the environment and appropriate to facilitate public recreational use and enjoyment of the reserve.

To provide sufficient seats, picnic table, litter receptacles, signs, children's play equipment and other furniture of a design appropriate to the reserve to facilitate public use and enjoyment of the outdoor recreational environment.

Policies

- a. All proposals for building structures situated on Council reserve land must comply with the provisions of the district plan and the guidelines set out in this management plan.
- b. Any proposal for a building or an extension to an existing structure must consider the effects if any on which the development will impose on the reserve, including increased demand for parking.
- c. Where practical buildings should be multiple use.

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- d. Any building proposal shall not significantly detract from the sole purpose of the reserve and the key concept of open space.

4.6 Vehicle Access / Parking

Objectives ▶ To maintain existing motor vehicle access, roads and parking for the benefit of the reserve users and to the extent to which they are necessary for the proper use of the reserve.

To provide additional motor vehicle access and parking areas in response to prove needs but within the limitations set by this management plan and the need to preserve the natural qualities of the reserve.

Policies

- a. Only those vehicles authorised by Council shall be allowed access to parts of the reserve where their use is necessary.
- b. Physical controls to prevent vehicle access on to the reserve will be installed and maintained where appropriate.
- c. Detailed site plans covering the entire reserve must be presented to Council for any proposed access site or vehicle parking area.
- d. Detailed site plans must have regard to the effects that the activity will have on the reserve, the alternatives considered and the need for parking areas and ramps for the disabled.
- f. The design of any car parking facility must confirm with the requirements of the District Plan.

4.7 Pedestrian Access

Objectives ▶ To provide and maintain satisfactory pedestrian access through the reserve.

Policies

- a. All areas of the reserve shall be accessible to the public except for those areas which are privately owned and/or leased from the Council.
- b. Areas of the reserve shall not be accessible to the public where:
 - An area has been fenced off or set aside for reserve work including planting, construction and turf renovation.
 - the public safety is threatened.
- c. Cycle access shall not be permitted on the Oval Reserve.
- d. Suitable access points shall be developed and maintained for the exclusive use of the disabled in areas where the terrain permits such a use.

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4.8 Utility Service

Objective ▶ To minimise the visual impact of utility services.

Policies

- a. Other than in exceptional circumstances and where it is impractical to do so all utility services shall be placed underground.
- b. The placement of such services underground shall be carefully sighted with the existing features such as trees and shrubs.
- c. All new essential utilities and all replacements of existing utilities shall be allowed on the Council Reserve but only with specific Council consent and only if they cannot reasonably be located elsewhere.
- d. Utility services shall be located so as not to restrict areas suitable for recreational activities or required for future buildings or tree planting.

4.9 Site Furniture / Fittings

Objectives ▶ To provide adequate reserve seating and fittings in order to facilitate the public enjoyment of the reserve and its surroundings.

Policies

- a. Reserve furniture and fittings shall be planned for areas in which visual impact is minimised.
- b. All furniture and fittings will be of a conforming design that integrates with the physical characteristics of the reserve.
- c. Seating arrangements will be established in areas which are orientated towards the direction of the sun, shelter, visibility and views.
- d. All furniture and fixtures must adhere to the policies and guidelines set out in the development section of the management plan.