

More than 30 stakeholders, organisations, user groups or individuals provided comments and suggestions for us to consider in developing the draft plan. We received the feedback through our Have Your Say page and from user groups and stakeholders and local iwi representatives. Many of you have re-stated key points we have been hearing over time that are recognised in the objectives and the work we are doing so far.

There were a number of general comments confirming enjoyment of the park and its proximity to Christchurch for a wide range of activities and use including school groups. Appreciation of Council's efforts for improvement were tempered with concerns and suggestions about how to manage issues resulting from increasing popularity with both the public and user groups.

Summary of key themes raised in the feedback

Layout & facilities	Park Access	Current access into the park is problematic. Improve access and road conditions and manage speed. Parking is still a problem on peak days.
	Coordination needed to manage the space and range of use	Consider the range of recreation that takes place and the most appropriate and sustainable ways to manage the use of reserve space, especially on the lakes. Consider how access is managed for both recreational users and the public now and in the future.
	Access to the water	Consider areas of shore protection and improved access to the water
	Allowing for the other land-based activities in the space	Consider ways to improve safety and provide improved walking and cycling routes and maximise opportunities for passive recreation.
	Improvement and development of facilities	Park facilities improved and developed to enhance the use of the reserve. Consider the existing club facilities and the needs of user groups while minimising the impact on the reserve.
	Site history and remedial work	Consider the history of the reserve as both a landfill and gravel quarry and any remediation works or ongoing monitoring that may be required.
Vegetation and birds	Need to protect wildlife and conservation values	Ensure disturbance and impact on the existing wildlife values and species such as crested grebes is avoided amongst the range and levels of use including jet sports and airport requirements to avoid bird strike. Consider Sanctuary Zones to protect wild life

Water		Focus on protection and enhancement of indigenous wildlife
	Removal of pest species	Phased replacement of crack willows with consideration of habitat value for wildlife.
	Ongoing plantings	Develop programmes to manage pest species. More native plantings with use of appropriate species
Water Quality		There is a historical trend of good water quality. It is important that this is maintained and well understood. Consider additional measures to manage water quality.
Use	Park capacity threshold	Management of the reserve during peak times when capacity is reached needs to be considered-
	Need to plan for public use and access to open space	Use of the reserve by the public is highly valued, including families. Consider how public use could be improved.
	Rules for controlling use of open water	Review the navigational safety bylaw and its application at the reserve.
	Water safety	Consider ways to encourage safe use of the water and manage the high amount of use during the summer months.
	A history of antisocial behavior	Consider the history of antisocial behaviour at the reserve including: Problems with alcohol, youth gatherings, some large groups, vehicle nuisances and dangerous driving, impact including security issues at night for surrounding properties.
	Operational concerns	High amounts of rubbish; vandalism and damage to facilities.

Additional information in response to other points raised in the feedback:

Stages of planning and implementation

The management plan's vision will include the plan's purpose and management aims which will generate the objectives and policies. A development plan will sit alongside the management plan and will identify how the space is prioritised and any planned development on site.

Council's role - reserve maintenance and working with user groups

Council maintains the reserve as a separate and ongoing responsibility. Once the plan is adopted we will consider the best way to continue working with different user groups in a way that will ensure fair and equitable use for all including the public, and to make sure the objectives of the management plan are met, now and in the future.

Change of classification of reserve land:

We are required under the Reserves Act to publically notify the Council's intention to change the Reserves Act classification of two land parcels at Roto Kohatu Reserve to Recreation Reserve (refer table below). The proposed change of classification is consistent with current recreational use of the reserve, and we are doing this so that all the land is appropriately classified before we consult on the draft plan. Here is the current classification, and what is proposed:

Description, legal title and area	Current reserve classification (Reserves Act 1977)	Proposed reserve classification (Reserves Act 1977)
Lot 1 DP 23013 CB4B/1415 22.3841 ha	Public Reserve for abattoirs, public pounds, sewage, cattle yards and plantations	Recreation Reserve
Lot 7 DP 36870 738037 4161 m ²	Local Purpose Reserve (Refuse)	Recreation Reserve