10.10 Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Cemetery Character

Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery was officially opened in May 2002. The cemetery is designed in terraces in accordance with the natural topography of the site and has been designed in a manner that allows it to blend in a park – like manner with the adjacent Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve.

The cemetery is in the memorial garden style with low, raised headstones placed on concrete beams.

There are informal walking tracks to the cemetery from the Stoddart Point Reserve.

Policies

- Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- The lower terraces are not conducive to Eco-burials because the clay soil conditions in the cemetery are susceptible to water logging and low in organic matter required for bacteria and native regeneration. The lower terraces should be left as long-term conventional burial sites. Green burials are possible wherever traditional burials are permitted (refer to the Handbook for Green Burial criteria and conditions).
- When the first terrace has reached its capacity as a burial area then the next area for burials is to be the area on the top of the circular mound. When this area has also reached its capacity, the middle and lower terraces are to be used for burial plots. In the future the lower terrace will need to be accessed from Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve.
- Memorial trees can be planted in the shrub borders, species to be selected by the Council and a memorial plaque placed on the memorial wall.

- Rezone the cemetery from Recreation to Conservation 4.
- Construct a memorial wall for ashes and plaques (including commemorative plaques for ashes or burials at sea), utilising the existing sunken area.
- Enhance entrance including gates, signage and planting.
- Form vehicle access to top of first terrace and provide a footpath to all three levels including steps and handrails where required.
- Enhance pedestrian access from adjacent Stoddart Point Recreation Reserve, including signage and removal of fence where required.
- Tree maintenance work.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Investigations have revealed that no area within the cemetery is suitable for Eco-burials due to the water content and / or the clay soil. Potential alternative sites in the southern harbour area will be investigated.





Existing Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery Plan June 2013





| | DATA |
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| LOCATION: | 2D Waipapa Ave Diamond Harbour |
| OWNER: | Christchurch City Council |
| LAND AREA: | 11,944m² (1.1944 Hectares) |
| ZONING: | Recreation Reserve |
| RELEVANT DESIGNATION: | |
| STATUS: | Open |





Future Diamond Harbour Memorial Gardens Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

10.11 Duvauchelle Cemetery

Cemetery Character

Duvauchelle Cemetery is located on the hill just outside the settlement of Duvauchelle, at the head of the Akaroa Harbour Basin. The cemetery was opened in 1881 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is enclosed by a well maintained macrocarpa hedge at the base of the slope. There are excellent views northwards over the whole harbour basin from the cemetery.

The cemetery is set out in long, level rows of back to back headstones. There are distinctive family areas in the cemetery however, there is no evidence of denominational division. The cemetery has a variety of headstones from Victorian style to more recent modern upright memorial headstones. Most of the headstones and covers are in good condition.

Several mature oak trees are randomly located throughout the cemetery.

Policies

• Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

- · Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Remove the existing car park, post and wire fence and trees in the fruit trial area.
- Enhance vehicle and pedestrian entrances including gates, fencing and signage, internal access road and compacted chip footpaths.
- New car park area including retaining where required.
- · Construct a toilet with disabled access.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.





Existing Duvauchelle Cemetery Plan June 2013





Future Duvauchelle Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

Kaituna Valley Cemetery is located adjacent to St Kentigens Church. The cemetery opened in 1935 and is still open for full burials.

The rural location of this cemetery is significant as from all aspects of the site there are rural vistas which helps provide a feeling of openness. Within the cemetery area, which is operational, there are no trees. This is in contrast to the mature trees within the Church yard.

The plots in the cemetery are laid out with rows back to back orientate the same direction east-west. The existing layout plan for the cemetery indicates denominational separation however, this has not been enforced. The headstones are mainly upright memorial headstones. There are a few with simple low cross structures and some plaques are attached to a cut natural rock. Extensive use of Halswell Quarry stone as plot covers is a significant feature of this cemetery.

Policies

• Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

- · Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Formalise the boundary and reclaim the cemetery land for cemetery purposes including removing existing post and wire fencing and any new fencing required.
- Formalise entrance to the cemetery with a gravel driveway from Kaituna Valley Road to the cemetery including wooden entrance gates (in a similar style to the church gates), signage and any retaining required.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.











Future Kaituna Valley Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

Le Bons Bay Cemetery opened in 1862 and is still open for full burials. It is generally flat with a moist treed section near the western end. The rural location of the cemetery is significant, from all sides of the cemetery there are rural vistas which helps provide a feeling of openness. A large area of the cemetery is fenced off and either grazed or open for public access to the lagoon.

The cemetery has a formal layout with distinctive family areas. The cemetery has a variety of graves/ headstones from older Victorian style to more recent upright memorial headstones.

The cemetery has strong community associations and is maintained by the local community.

Policies

• Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

- · Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Some marked graves are outside the fenced area and susceptible to damage from stock, these need to be fenced either individually or collectively to protect the headstones.
- Entrance signage.
- Formalise a lease arrangement with the farmer to continue grazing the area of the cemetery where there are no headstones.
- · Investigate as a potential Eco-burial site location.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.





Existing Le Bons Bay Cemetery Plan June 2013







Future Le Bons Bay Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

10.14 Linwood Cemetery

Cemetery Character

Linwood Cemetery opened in 1884 and is available for burials in pre purchased plots, second interments and the Jewish area only. The cemetery was the first Christchurch cemetery located outside the town 'on sanitary grounds' and is situated on what was once a large sand dune.

The cemetery is open to all denominations and is divided into specific areas. The layout of the cemetery is a variety of grid patterns despite the undulating topography.

The cemetery has a Jewish section, including graves re - sited from the 19th Century Jewish Cemetery in Hereford Street and is an important site for the Hebrew community as it is the only designated Jewish cemetery in Christchurch.

In 1884 the Council approved the construction of a tramway to the cemetery from the corner of Cashel and High streets and by 1885 had built a tramway hearse. Although now covered by asphalt, tram tracks survive beneath the main pathway within the cemetery.

There was a Sexton's Lodge situated near the Butterfield Avenue entrance and a simple mourning kiosk. New gates similar in design to the original were built in 2005 at the Butterfield Avenue entrance.

The cemetery contains a range of graves from traditional monumental style to newer memorial style. There are a small number of elaborate sculptural monuments the most notable being the Fairhurst mausoleum, the Peacock mausoleum and the Henry Thomson grave.

Plantings in the cemetery include exotic and more recent native planting, pines and macrocarpas which are concentrated around the perimeter of the cemetery.

Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- All work is to align with the Linwood Cemetery Conservation Plan, February 2006.
- Maintain regular contact with the Friends of Linwood Cemetery and formalise an agreement with them to facilitate their assistance where possible, using the Linwood Cemetery Conservation Plan and the Development Plan as the basis of work being undertaken in the cemetery.

- Replace existing post and wire fence around the boundary of the cemetery with a post and chain fence and low planting.
- Remove asphalt cover over the buried tramlines leaving the adjacent asphalt for vehicle access, following guidance from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.
- Enhance pedestrian entrances including disabled access, planting and signage.
- · Enhance car park area including signage.
- Enhance tramline turning circle area with seating and planting.
- Interpretation outlining original location of the Sextons Lodge, tramway and mourning kiosks.
- Planting on graves is to be removed as plants require pruning or when they die. This is to be done carefully with minimum intervention.
- · Trees that are damaging the heritage fabric to be removed.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal of pines in southern area.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.





Existing Linwood Cemetery Plan June 2013





Future Linwood Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

Little River Cemetery is located adjacent to St Andrews Church just outside Little River. It opened in 1878 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is surrounded by exotic and native vegetation and has open views out to the Little River Valley and the foothills.

The cemetery is laid out in a grid with wide mown paths and has a variety of headstones from typical Victorian period with upright stone headstones to more recent granite and stone memorial styles many of them with covered concrete covers.

A local cemetery with many family plots and strong connections to past and present communities.

Policies

• Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

- Rezone the cemetery from Rural to Conservation 4.
- Develop vehicle access into the cemetery from the church car park and define the area between the car park and the cemetery with a post and chain fence.
- Enhance the existing wooden vehicle and pedestrian gates including signage.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.





Existing Little River Cemetery Plan June 2013





| | DATA |
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| LOCATION: | 30 Upper Church Road Little River |
| OWNER: | Christchurch City Council |
| LAND AREA: | 8,251m² (0.8251 Hectares) |
| ZONING: | Conservation Reserve |
| RELEVANT DESIGNATION: | |
| STATUS: | Open |









Future Little River Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery also known as Lyttelton Public Cemetery opened in 1850. The cemetery is only available for burial and ash interments in pre-purchased plots and second interments, however, due to the large amount of recent earthquake damage in the cemetery any future interments in the cemetery will be on a case by case basis.

The cemetery is formal Victorian in style, although the formality is lessened due to the topography of the setting. There are views to the port and wider Lyttelton Harbour from higher elevations in the cemetery.

The original headstones and grave surrounds are traditional in character. The more modern headstones generally located on the lower elevations are smaller and more contemporary in style. There is a recent influenza memorial.

Most of the vegetation is confined to the east and west boundaries and comprises of ash, sycamore and oak with some conifer species. Some of these exotic broadleaf species extend into the cemetery informally either side of the main path.

Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Further applications for interments to be on a case by case basis.
- Any spare plot areas will be allocated to those who have prepurchased plots which are now not useable due to earthquake damage.

- Enhance vehicle entrance including plastering concrete block pillars and any repairs required to the volcanic stone retaining wall and signage.
- Enhance the pedestrian entrances including reconditioning existing wrought iron gates, fencing and signage.
- Provide clear signage to show where the existing water tap is.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Investigate earthquake land damage.
- Investigate the possibility that some areas of the cemetery may be unused (using ground penetrating radar).
- Check the northern cemetery boundary as the current fence may not be in the correct location.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Investigate suitable locations for steps and a memorial wall to be installed. The wall is to include provision for lost-at-sea commemorations.





Existing Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery Plan June 2013





| DATA | | |
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| LOCATION | 87 Oxford Street Lyttelton | |
| OWNER: | Christchurch City Council | |
| LAND AREA: | 12,919m ² (1.2919 Hectares) | |
| ZONING | Residential | |
| RELEVANT | For Cometery Purposes (under the Banks Peninsula District Plan) | |
| STATUS: | Open | |





Future Lyttelton Anglican Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery also known as the Lyttelton Cemetery was opened in 1873. The cemetery is available for burial and ash interments in pre purchased plots and second interments however due to the large amount of recent earthquake damage in the cemetery any future interments in the cemetery will be on a case by case basis.

The cemetery is located on a steep hillside and is divided into three sections, Catholic, Services and Public (from north to south). The graves are terraced on the hillside tightly laid in a grid formation with concrete terracing and steps with paths dissecting the various sections. The cemetery has a variety of graves/ headstones from older Victorian style plots with covers or kerbing to newer memorial style, however the older style is more predominant.

There is a significant amount of earthquake damage in the cemetery.

Policies

- Additional signage and seats are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.
- Further applications for interment to be on a case by case basis.
- Any spare plot areas will be allocated to those who have pre purchased plots which are not useable due to earthquake damage.

- Enhance the pedestrian entrances including reconditioning existing wrought iron gates and signage.
- Continue the stone retaining wall along the Reserve Terrace frontage.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing.
- Investigate earthquake land damage.
- Investigate the possibility that some areas of the cemetery may be unused (using ground penetrating radar).
- Develop protocol to manage areas of the cemetery with badly damaged graves, broken headstones and concrete kerbing.





Existing Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery Plan June 2013





Future Lyttelton Catholic and Public Cemetery Development Plan June 2013

Memorial Park Cemetery opened in 1956 and is still open for full burials. The cemetery is a lawn cemetery with concrete beams for upright and reclining memorials. The cemetery is located on ancient sand dunes and has excellent, largely unobstructed views to the Port Hills.

There is a small Muslim burial area on the eastern side of the site where the graves are aligned facing to Mecca (14 degrees west of north), a Māori burial area or urupā near the Ruru Road entrance, and a Russian Orthodox area to the western side.

Tree planting is generally associated with the driveway areas, with a diverse mix of shrubs and trees around the central area surrounding the public toilet which is more or less centrally located.

Policies

• Additional signage, seats, water taps and rubbish bins are to be in keeping with the style and character of the cemetery.

- Enhance vehicle and pedestrian entrances including signage and post and chain fencing.
- Remove existing fencing along street boundaries and replace with post and chain fencing and low planting.
- Shared cycle/ pedestrian pathway to link Ruru Road and Taurus Road.
- Undertake tree or landscape planting as per the Development Plan.
- Additional tree maintenance work including removal and limbing on north and east boundaries.











Future Memorial Park Cemetery Development Plan June 2013