

ESKDALE PARK

Reserve Management Plan

THE NEXT
10 YEARS

A new 10-year Reserve Management Plan is being prepared for Eskdale Park and we want your input to help us make good decisions about how the park is used, managed and protected into the future.

Our much-loved parks and reserves provide us all with space for recreation, as well as a general sense of open space where we can enjoy the simple things in life, such as a picnic with family and friends. They are all different; ranging from our large premier playgrounds, and beachside reserves, to our rural parks and neighbourhood play spaces.

One of the responsibilities of the Council under the Reserves Act 1977 is to manage reserves in a way that works for our current residents and for future generations through the preparation of Reserve Management Plans.

Reserve Management planning enables Council to work with the community to establish the desired mix of use and protection for a reserve, and set in place policy to guide day-to-day management as well as the bigger projects – things like replacing playgrounds and introducing new activities. Determining our residents' preferences and establishing the best means to provide for them are essential ingredients for good management.

When complete, the Eskdale Park Reserve Management Plan will capture the vision, policies and methods for enhancing, managing and protecting the recreation, sport, landscape, natural and cultural values of the park over the next 10 years.

What we need you to do

In this first of three phases of community consultation on the plan, we are asking for your vision for Eskdale Park. At the same time we are collecting data on how the park is used at the moment.

That information will be used to prepare key themes and concepts that we will bring back to you for comment. In the final stage a Draft Reserve Management Plan will be prepared and your submissions will be called for. You will be able to support your submission by speaking at the Council hearing.



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INFORMATION**



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The Eskdale Park RMP process



1 Council notifies the community that the process is underway, calls for community input and gathers user data.

2 The input and data from step 1 is analysed and used to prepare key themes and concepts.



3 Those key themes and concepts are presented to the community for feedback, to check we are on the right track.

4 The feedback from steps 1, 2 and 3 is analysed and used to prepare a Draft Reserve Management Plan.



5 Public submissions on the Draft Reserve Management Plan are called for.

6 A council hearing is scheduled at which submitters to the draft plan can support their submission by speaking at the hearing.



7 Council adopts the final Reserve Management Plan subject to amendments made during the hearing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS COUNCIL PREPARING A RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) FOR ESKDALE PARK?

Council has brought forward the preparation of this RMP, in response to public discussion on a suggestion by the Hawke's Bay Mountain Bike Club that it may approach Council seeking permission to formally access its bike trails on private Pan Pac land from Eskdale Park. It is important to note, however, that no application relating to this has been received by Council to date.

A SURVEY ON ESKDALE PARK USE WAS CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS INFORMATION?

The information provided in last year's survey will be included in the preparation of the Reserve Management Plan. People who filled out that survey are welcome to provide further information in this survey.

WHY DOES THE SURVEY NOT ASK ME WHETHER I SUPPORT/OPOSE THE HAWKE'S BAY MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB SUGGESTION THAT IT MIGHT APPLY TO ACCESS ITS PAN PAC TRAILS FROM ESKDALE PARK?

While many of us are aware of HBMBC's suggestion that it may apply to use Eskdale Park to access its bike trails, Council has not received any application. That means it cannot be consulted on. Instead the survey asks for your 'level of comfort' on a range of activities that could be suggested, by HBMBC or any another group or organisation, as part of the RMP process for Eskdale Park, a recreation reserve.

WHAT IF DON'T WANT ESKDALE PARK TO CHANGE?

Even if you love the park as it is and don't want it to change, we still want to hear from you. Think about whether you might like more landscaping, or tree planting, or better river access? We want to hear from everyone, whether they love the park as it is, or think there are ways we can improve it.

WILL MY SUGGESTIONS BE LISTENED TO, OR HAVE DECISIONS ALREADY BEEN MADE?

We are starting with a blank page. There are no pre-determined ideas or plans for the use of Eskdale Park. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that any future work we do in the park is in line with our district's needs and values and looks ahead to how our future generations might use it.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS AND HOW MANY OPPORTUNITIES DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE INPUT?

There are a number of steps in the process, including three opportunities to provide feedback using a number of channels, including a survey (available online and in hard copy) and Coffee in the Park events where you can talk to Council's Parks Team. Each of those opportunities will be widely advertised to ensure we receive as much input as possible.

WHAT IF ALL OF MY FEEDBACK WILL NOT FIT ON THE SURVEY FORM?

Please provide any additional information by email: rachels@hdc.govt.nz

HOW DO I GET REGULAR UPDATES?

Join the mailing list for Eskdale Park:
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/eskdalepark

Find the survey here: www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz

