

13. RAWHITI DOMAIN/THOMSON PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN: HEARINGS PANEL DECISION AND ADOPTION OF PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Council to adopt the report and decisions of the Hearings Panel in respect of the Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park Management Plan. The adoption of the plan will allow both the Council and affected clubs using the domain and park to implement the developments and policies outlined in the document. The Panel's report is attached as Appendix 1.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Council officers have followed the procedure set out in the Reserves Act 1977 in reviewing the management plan for Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park. Submissions on the draft management plan were heard by a hearings panel, whose report is now submitted to the Council for adoption. All interested parties (including affected sports clubs and the local community) have been given the opportunity to make submissions on the future development and management of Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park, in accordance with section 41(6) of the Reserves Act 1977.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

3. Provision has been made in the capital works programme for projects to 2009/10.
4. Provision for the tree replacement programme has been included in the capital works programme for the period 2006/07 to 2014/15.
5. Additional funding will be required for developments from 2010/11–2014/15. Provision for this will be made from the capital works programme.
6. It was originally proposed to remove the existing camp kitchen, at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The Hearings Panel has now recommended that the kitchen be retained, and that the Council accept an offer from the Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society to lease the building, on the basis that the club will contribute towards the landscaping, planting and upgrading of the building, with the Council providing a grant of \$25,000 for the upgrading, as an alternative to the high cost of demolishing the building, and removing it from the site.

Legal

7. Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park are Recreation Reserves made up of five land areas totalling 63.5375 ha. The land is gazetted as follows:
 - Part Reserve 1579, NZ Gazette 1969 p1429
 - Part Reserve 1616, NZ Gazette 1969 p1429 (including Thomson Park)
 - Reserve 4467 DP 3213, NZ Gazette 1969 p1429 CT 268/103
 - Lots 2 & 3 DP 3276, Memorandum of Transfer 20/11/64
 - Lot 9 DP 5123, CT 569/96
8. The Hearings Panel has delegated authority (under the Reserves Act 1977 delegations), to hear and determine submissions and objections in relation to the preparation, review and change of management plans for reserves (s. 41 Reserves Act 1977). As the submissions and objections have been heard and determined by the Hearings Panel under delegated power, the Council cannot make any further amendments to the plan, although it would be open to the Council to request the Panel to reconvene for the purpose of rehearing the submitters.

HEARINGS PANEL DECISION

9. Pursuant to delegated power, the Hearings Panel has approved the Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park Draft Management Plan dated 2006, subject to the inclusion therein of the amendments set out in the attached report by the Hearings Panel. These amendments have been included in the Management Plan, a copy of which is tabled.
10. The Hearings Panel has also resolved that the plan be first made available to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for its information.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the decision of the Council Hearings Panel regarding the Rawhiti Domain and Thomson Park Draft Management Plan be adopted as the decision of the Council.