

### 39. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARINGS PANEL

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to:
  - (a) Present staff proposals, including options, along with comments from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board and the Canterbury Park Draft Management Plan Hearings Panel, for a name or names for the area covered by the Canterbury Park Draft Management Plan for the Council to consider, select and approve as the formal name or names of this area.
  - (b) Seek approval from the Council for the revised management plan for the area, named in accordance with the Council's resolution in relation to paragraph 1(a) above, to be adopted as the operative plan.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Canterbury Park Draft Management Plan was approved by both the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to be notified for public comment at their respective meetings on 2 February 2010 and 5 February 2010. The public was invited, upon notification, to comment on the draft plan and also, as part of a parallel planning process, to indicate a preference for a name or names to be formalised for Canterbury Park. The draft plan was available for public comment from 8 March 2010 to 10 May 2010. A total of 114 submissions were received. Eleven submitters indicated they wished to speak to their submissions at a hearing.
3. The submission response was weighted towards the Park naming with 95 per cent of the submitters making a choice of the naming options presented. 80 per cent of these selected Option 2 (no overall Park name, with "Canterbury Agricultural Park" being the name for the Open Space 3C (Agribusiness Centre) zoned area and a new name such as "Nga Puna Wai Reserve" for the recreation and esplanade reserves area). Over a third of all the submitters also commented strongly in writing on the Park naming issue, with there being predominant support for the use of the name "Canterbury Agricultural Park". Issues that received the next largest number of the submitter responses were fencing (12 per cent of the total number of submitters) and grazing (11 per cent). There was a lower level of response on the wider public open space/recreational and environmental matters to do with the Park, and a minimal level of requests for changes to the draft plan.
4. A hearing was held on 2 July 2010 where nine submitters made oral submissions. The Hearings Panel then undertook an inspection of parts of Canterbury Park with staff.
5. The Hearings Panel met on 31 August 2010 to consider staff suggestions for changes to the draft plan and make its determinations. The Hearings Panel also considered what comment it wished to make to the Council with regards to a formalised name or names for Canterbury Park.
6. No major changes have been made to the content of the draft plan. The changes are mostly corrections of identified errors, and adjustments to address some omissions and/or better clarify some points. Policy changes, suggested by staff and supported by the Hearings Panel, are the addition of tree management policies to address the health and safety implications of trees on Canterbury Park, amendment of the policy pertaining to the use of the Council's booking system for events, and the addition of accessways for use that does not include motorised vehicles to the policy referring to accessway developments on the Park requiring the consent of the Council's Transport and Greenspace Manager.
7. The revised management plan is attached, both in tracked changed (**Attachment A** separately circulated) and final (**Attachment B** separately circulated) versions and incorporating the changes determined by the Hearings Panel.

## PARK NAMING OPTIONS

8. The Council purchased in 2001 the majority of the land lying between Wigram and Curletts Roads that was owned by the A&P Association. Shortly after, this land, in combination with the adjacent existing reserves, was referred to by staff in an initial planning report to Council as Canterbury Park, although this name has not been finalised. Staff have identified, through the process of preparation of the draft management plan, that a name or names for the area currently known as Canterbury Park be formalised by the Council prior to its approval of the draft plan as the operative plan. This will then enable both the Park and the management plan to carry the formalised name or names.
9. The power to resolve to formalise the name for Canterbury Park, and names of its parts if required, remains with the Council. The required process for this is that outlined in the Council's Naming of Reserves and Facilities Policy. This process involved naming proposals, including options, being referred first to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Boards for comment. The naming proposals are presented in Table 1 below, with the location of the parcels of land making up the areas for which names are proposed shown in Figure 1.

**Table 1**

Land Parcel	Legal Description	Naming options		
		Option 1 – in the draft plan	Option 2 - alternative	Option 3 - alternative
All	All	Canterbury Park		Canterbury Agricultural Park
A	Lot 1 DP 302504	Agricultural Area	Canterbury Agricultural Park	Canterbury Showgrounds
B	Section 2 SO Plan 300665			
C	Section 1 SO Plan 300665			
D	Lot 2 DP 73928			
E	Lot 7 DP 73928			
F	Lot 3 DP 73928	Reserves Area	A new name for the reserves area or utilisation of a previous, but not formalised, name for part of the area – that is, Nga Puna Wai Reserve	A new name for the combined retention basin and reserves area – for example, Wigram East Reserve/ Retention Basin
G	Lot 4 DP 73928			
H	Lot 5 DP 73928			
I	Lot 3 DP 54323			
J	Lot 3 DP 80544			
K	Lot 2 DP 73146			
L	Lot 2 DP 60864			
N	Lot 37 DP 28868			

10. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board resolved at its meeting on 2 February 2010 to comment to the Hearing Panel that it supports Option 1, as presented in Table 1 above, for the whole, and parts, of the area addressed by the Draft Canterbury Park Management Plan.
11. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board resolved at its meeting on 5 February 2010 to provide the comment to the Hearings Panel that the best option for the names of the area addressed by the Draft Canterbury Park Management Plan would be Canterbury Agricultural Park and Nga Puna Wai Reserve. Staff note this equates to Option 2 in Table 1 above.

Figure 1



12. Table 2 below summarises the park naming options and lists the results from the public consultation.

Table 2

Park Naming Option	Description
Support Option 1 (6 submitters)	"Canterbury Park" for the whole park area, with "Agricultural Area" being a sub-name for the O3C zoned area, and "Reserves Area" for the recreation and esplanade reserves area.
Support Option 2 (87 submitters)	No overall park name, with "Canterbury Agricultural Park" being the name for the Open Space 3C (Agribusiness Centre) zoned area and a new name such as "Nga Puna Wai Reserve" for the recreation and esplanade reserves area.
Support Option 3 (12 submitters)	"Canterbury Agricultural Park" for the whole park area, with "Canterbury Show grounds" being a sub-name for the part of the O3C zoned area excluding the retention basin area, and a new name such as "Wigram East Reserve/Retention Basin" for the combined retention basin and reserves area.
Other Naming Suggestion (3 submitters)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Canterbury Park for the whole park and Nga Puna Wai Reserve for the reserves area.</li> <li>2. A new dual Māori and English name for the whole park ("Kahukura Canterbury Park") and use of a previously used Māori name for the reserves area plus the part of the O3C zoned area containing the retention basin ("Nga Puna Wai Reserve").</li> <li>3. Founders Farm, City Farm, Pastoral Park, Riverlands Park Area, Whaka Landing or Douglas (Marsh) Park.</li> </ol>

13. The Canterbury Park Draft Management Plan Hearings Panel at its meeting on 31 August 2010 noted the submission responses made in relation to Park naming, including the submission of Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd on behalf of Ngāi Tahu proposing "Kahukura Canterbury Park" for the whole Park and "Nga Puna Wai Reserve" for the reserves area plus the part of the O3C zoned area containing the retention basin. Staff note that the name "Te Heru o Kahukura" refers to a section of the Heathcote River in the vicinity of Hillmorton Hospital (and to a peak on the Port Hills). The staff suggestion to the Hearings Panel for a Park naming solution, having considered the public submission response and the community board comments, is for Option 2 in Table 1 above, with Nga Puna Wai Reserve as the name for the reserves area, but adjusted to include the retention pond area (Land Parcel E in Table 1 above) in Nga Puna Wai Reserve. Land Parcel E in Table 1 above was not part of the land purchased from the A&P Association in 2001 and was part of the area proposed to be called Nga Puna Wai reserve in 1999.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. The management plan contains a number of projects that will be put forward for consideration in the 2012-22 LTCCP. The plan clearly states that the projects are subject to approval through the LTCCP process.

#### **Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?**

15. Yes, as above.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

16. The management plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

#### **Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

17. Yes, as above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

18. Canterbury Park comes under the activity Sports Parks in the LTCCP and Activity Management Plans. Funding is allocated, through the current LTCCP, for new plantings, including trees, in Canterbury Park (\$50,000 in each of 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12). Funding was also specified for development of a new toilet/changing facility on Canterbury Park (\$10,000 in 2009/10, \$166,879 in 2010/11 and \$100,00 in 2011/12).

#### **Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

19. Yes, as above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

20. Council strategies relevant to the management plan include the South-West Christchurch Area Plan 2009, Draft Public Open Space Strategy 2010-2040, Biodiversity Strategy 2008-2035, Christchurch Active Living Strategy 2004, Climate Change Policy 1995, Draft Climate Smart Strategy 2010-2025, Surface Water Strategy 2009, Parks and Waterways Access Policy 2002, Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy 2002, Recreation and Sport Policy 1996, Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005, Safer Canterbury Creating Safer Communities Design Guide 2005, and Christchurch City Council Dog Control Policy 2008.

#### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

21. Yes.

## CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

22. Yes, consultation has met the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

## RESERVE HEARINGS PANEL RECOMMENDATION

With the powers of the Council delegated to the Canterbury Park Draft Management Plan Hearings Panel to hear and determine submissions and objections in relation to the preparation, review and change of management plans for reserves pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977, and for parks held under the Local Government Act 1974, it is recommended that:

- (a) The Council receives, as provided in this report, the staff park naming proposals, including options, and the comments of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board; notes the public response on the proposals and resolves to approve a name or names for the area currently referred to as Canterbury Park, in accordance with the Council's Naming of Reserves and Facilities Policy.
- (b) Noting recommendation (a), Areas A to C listed in Table 1 of this report be named Canterbury Agricultural Park and Areas D to L and N be named Nga Puna Wai.
- (c) The Council approves the management plan for the area currently referred to as Canterbury Park, with the changes shown as tracked changes in the draft plan and incorporated in the final version of the plan, and named in accordance with the Council's resolution in relation to recommendations (a) and (b) above, as the operative plan.
- (d) The Council notes the available land between the Christchurch Southern Motorway and Wigram Road, and that decisions on the future use of this land will be made with consideration of all options through a full consultation process.

**Note:** The Hearings Panel recognises the need for the McMahan Drive access but requests staff to give consideration to the traffic management of its ongoing use.