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**Hearings Committee - Bylaws and Policies**  
**Draft Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan**  
**MINUTES**

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Consultation Hearings held in the Council Chambers, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin, on Friday 29 August 2025, commencing at 9.30 am.

**PRESENT**

**Chairperson** Cr Cherry Lucas

**Members** Cr Bill Acklin  
Cr Kevin Gilbert

**IN ATTENDANCE** Heath Ellis (General Manager, Parks & Recreation), John Brenkley (Parks Planning Manager), Elizabeth Schonwald (Senior Parks and Recreation Planner)

**Governance Support Officer** Jean Cockram

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**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

**Motion carried (CH/2025/005)**

### 3 SPEAKING SCHEDULE

#### **Malcolm Anngow 1122600**

Mr Anngow spoke to three points raised in his submission: limited car parking around the park; traffic calming measures needed in Hartstonge and Reid Avenues; and risk assessment for the planned skateboard ramp.

A staff member noted that the design of a new skatepark was purely conceptual at this stage. Detailed design and risk assessment would be undertaken if funding is allocated.

Mr Anngow responded to questions.

#### **Steve Wilson and Alexis Robin (Taieri Tennis Club) 1120333**

Mr Wilson and Mr Robin spoke on behalf of the Taieri Tennis Club's submission. Their Powerpoint presentation focussed on the growth of tennis as a local sport. If an indoor sports facility is developed for Mosgiel, they would like to see tennis included in it.

Mr Wilson and Mr Robin responded to questions.

#### **Andrew Simms (Mosgiel Taieri Community Board) 1127923**

Mr Simms and Mr McAlwee spoke on behalf of the submission from the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board (MTCB).

Mr Simms commented that MTCB was in favour of moving towards a centralised indoor sports hub that could also be used for community activities, noting that many sports clubs were under increasing pressure to maintain their facilities. He also spoke in favour of reviewing speed limits and acknowledged the interest of the skate fraternity in a new skatepark.

Mr McAlwee noted that increasing costs are affecting all sports clubs and a centralised sports hub, preferably run by a Trust, would enable such costs to be shared. He also spoke in favour of developing a walking trail along Silver Stream bank, noting that tree roots presented a trip hazard and local contractors had offered to remove them free of charge. He commented that the local community needed a stable long-term strategic plan for the Recreation Area.

In response to concerns regarding the trip hazard from tree roots, a staff members advised that removing the trees along the Silver Stream bank had not been included in the draft plan because of their proximity to Otago Regional Council (ORC) stormwater infrastructure.

Mr Simms and Mr McAlwee responded to questions.

#### **Raylene Haraki 1127542**

Ms Haraki spoke to her submission. Her main concern was the well-used walking track from Wingatui Rd to Carlyle Rd, and she would like to see the tree roots removed as soon as possible.

In relation to the tree roots impeding the walking path, a staff member advised that while Dunedin City Council owns the land, ORC has infrastructure there, so its permission would be needed to remove the trees. Alternative options had been considered, such as building a boardwalk around the trees, but this would be expensive and require funding.

Ms Haraki commented that in her opinion a boardwalk would be a great way to solve the problem because the path is too dangerous to use at present.

#### **4 DRAFT MOSGIEL RECREATION AREA RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024 - SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Parks and Recreation staff presented a report on the Draft Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan, which was a new site-specific plan.

The report noted that 25 submissions had been received during community engagement. Of these, 23 supported the Draft Plan and 2 did not.

Following discussion, the Committee requested the following changes to the Draft Plan:

- Include most changes suggested by the Otago Regional Council;
- Add wording about accessibility in response to the submission from the Disabled Persons Assembly;
- Update Section 4.2 (Public Transport) to reflect recent changes to the bus service.
- Remove suggestion for locked gates at the Gordon Road entrance to Memorial Park (Section 8.9, Objective 8 – Health and Safety, point 9);
- Include action to improve access between Murray Street playground and Peter Johnstone Park;
- Include actions to talk to the Otago Regional Council regarding the removal of dangerous tree roots and to investigate whether the local community can assist.

Staff noted that while the Draft Plan reflected what the community has asked for, traffic management issues around the reserve are out of scope and would be passed to the Transport Team.

Staff advised that they would investigate whether there was a problem with the rabbit population in Memorial Gardens, as suggested in one submission.

There was discussion about the long-term feasibility of a centralised sports hub, and the need for sports clubs to come together for a conversation about this, perhaps facilitated by Sport Otago.

Councillors congratulated staff on having conducted an excellent community consultation and produced a comprehensive Draft Plan.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Bill Acklin):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the feedback from the public engagement of the Draft Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan
- b) **Recommends** to Council that the Draft Mosgiel Recreation Area Reserve Management Plan, as amended, be adopted.

**Motion carried (CH/2025/006)**

The meeting concluded at 11.00 am.

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CHAIRPERSON