

**CLUTHA DISTRICT
COUNCIL**



**CORONATION
PARK &
RIVERSIDE
RESERVE**

**MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

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1 PREFACE

The Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve Management Plan is a guide for the future development, maintenance and management of the reserve. Prepared under the Reserves Act 1977, it is intended to facilitate the provision of outdoor recreation activities and public enjoyment.

In preparing this plan, recreation opportunities and facilities within the Reserve were evaluated with consideration of how they contribute to the broad spectrum of recreation activities within the Balclutha area for local people, the wider Clutha District, and visitors alike.

The aim of this plan is to facilitate the best management of the reserve by providing guidelines for use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, preservation, and development as appropriate.

Council approved the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve Management Plan on 15 September 2005.

This plan is operative from 2005 until 2015 and will remain under regular review during this period to meet the above aim.

2 INTRODUCTION

This management plan is for the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve located in Balclutha adjacent to the south side of the river (and vested in the Clutha District Council.)

The area is known as the Balclutha Sport Grounds and its immediate environs and is the major recreational facility serving the town of Balclutha and the surrounding areas within Clutha District.

This plan does not cover the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society's Showgrounds which are adjacent to the reserve. These grounds are owned by the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society Council and managed by the Clutha District Sports Complex Joint Control Committee.

2.1 Location of Reserve

- The reserve is located generally to the north east of the developed commercial centre of Balclutha at the divergence of the Matau and Koau branches of the Clutha River.
- The sports grounds have a frontage to Glasgow Street while adjoining the eastern and southern boundaries of the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society Showgrounds. The rest of the Reserve is surrounded by the waters of the Clutha River and its south branch, the Koau, and includes the Balclutha Aerodrome. The Reserve also borders residential and industrial properties in the vicinity of Glasgow Street. The South Island Main Trunk railway bisects the Reserve.
- The Reserve is a large, relatively flat plain which has either been developed for sports fields or is left in pasture for the grazing of sheep in the vicinity of the aerodrome.
- The area adjacent to the railway line and flood bank adjoining the residential properties on Glasgow Street was originally a landfill which has now been levelled and one area converted into a car park, while the remaining area has been grassed and is available for some productive use.

2.2 Legal Description and Areas

The various categories of land status are as below and illustrated as Figure 1. All these areas are being treated as one for the purpose of this Management Plan, except for Area 'H' the area owned by the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society and Area 'L' which is a small adjacent area of land leased by the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society from the Council and is occupied by the Grandstand.

2.2.1 Recreation Reserves

2.2.1.1 Coronation Park Recreation Reserve(local name Riverside Reserve)

Legal Description:	Section 21, Block XVI and Section 1, Block XXVII, Town of Balclutha. Gazette 1981 p.852
Area 'A'	20.0550 hectares
Site No:	R115

2.2.1.2 Koau Reserve

Legal Description:	Lot 1, DP 9611 Gazette 1984 p.5257
Area 'B'	0.2974 hectares
Site No:	R116

2.2.1.3 Balclutha Sportsgrounds

Legal Description:	Section 25, Block XXXV, Clutha Survey District Gazette Notice 532966 1980 p.755
Area 'C'	4.5820 hectares
Site No:	R117

Area 'L', an area of 1,520 square metres (previously Pt Sec 25 and now Lot 1 DP 325415) within these sportsgrounds and adjacent to the Showgrounds is leased to the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society. It is occupied by the Grandstand and thus not a part of this plan as it is administered by the Clutha Districts Sports Complex Joint Control Committee.

TOTAL AREA **The total area of recreation reserve is 24.9344 hectares**

2.2.2 Aerodrome

2.2.2.1 Local Purpose Reserve (Site for an Aerodrome) – Balclutha Aerodrome

Legal Description:	Lot 1, DP 9962 Gazette 1984 p.1441
Area 'E'	4.3858 hectares
Site No:	R140

2.2.2.2 Council land held in fee simple for purposes of an Aerodrome

Legal Description: Sections 1–6, 15–20, Part Section 7 & 14, Block XIV and Sections 1-5, 14-18 and Part Sections 5, 6, 13 Block XV and Part Reserve No 4 and 10, Greenoch, Dumbarton and Helensburgh Streets, Town of Balclutha.
Gazette 1942 p.963

Area 'F' 17.3256 hectares
Site No: R247

TOTAL AREA A total area of land for aerodrome is 21.7114 ha.

2.2.3 Recreation Zones

2.2.3.1 Sports Grounds – Glasgow Street – Council land held in fee simple for purposes of public recreation

Legal Description: Part Lot A, DP 1063.
CT 200/38

Area 'G' 0.557 hectares
Site No: R248

2.2.3.2 Showgrounds – South Otago Agricultural & Pastoral Society - Owned in fee simple

Legal Description: Part Section 2 Block XXXV (CT 4D/894) and Lot 1 DP 1256 Clutha Survey District (CT 4D/691)

Area 'H' 5.098 hectares
Site No: R249

Note: *The Joint Control Agreement of the Clutha District Sports Complex Joint Control Committee gives the Joint Control Committee the right to manage this area owned by the South Otago Agricultural & Pastoral Society.*

2.2.3.3 Areas zoned recreation between Aerodrome and Koau – Crown Land

Legal Description: Crown land (no title) and Part Section 2 Deeds Index S795

Area 'I' 0.5150 hectares
Site No: R250

2.2.3.4 Areas zoned recreation – Rutherglen Street – Council owned land

Legal Description: Section 9, Block XVI, Town of Balclutha
CT 219/87

Area 'K' 0.1011 hectares
Site No: R251

2.2.3.5 Areas zoned recreation between Aerodrome and Coronation Park – Railway Land

Legal Description: Part 2, DP 1063
CT 98/293

Area 'J' 3.0345 hectares
Site No: R252

**TOTAL AREA A total area of land zoned recreation is
9.3056 hectares**

2.2.4 Flood Protection Designation

Legal Description: Section M, SO 339

Area 'D' 0.2765 hectares
Site No: R249

The use for all areas under the CDC Reserves Strategy is designated as Sportsground/
Mixed Use (SGMU) except for Area 'J' which is railway land between the Aerodrome
and Coronation Park, and is designated Other (OTH).

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Population

The population of the Balclutha Ward had been steadily declining for the 15 years prior to 1996, but has stabilised in the past two censuses with a 2% increase in 1996 followed by a 1% decrease in 2001. Table 1 presents total population figures from the previous five censuses:

Table 1 *Population Growth – Balclutha – 1981 to 2001*

Year	Total Population	Annual % Change
1981	4,497	
1986	4,227	-6%
1991	4,059	-4%
1996	4,137	+2%
2001	4,107	-1%

Source: Department of Statistics

It should be noted that these figures relate solely to part of the Balclutha Ward (formerly the Balclutha Borough). As noted in the Clutha District Plan, the facilities of the Sports Ground are of regional significance. Table 2 presents data for the total population of the entire Clutha District. While the population of New Zealand has grown since 1991, the population of Clutha District has declined, although the decline percentage has fluctuated.

Table 2 *Total Population – Clutha District 1981 - 2001*

Year	Total Population	Annual % Change
1981	20,700	
1986	19,200	-7.3
1991	18,303	-4.6
1996	18,213	-0.5
2001	17,172	-6.1

Source: Department of Statistics

Table 3 *Age Groups Distribution 2001*

Age	No	Balclutha %	Otago %
Under 5	285	7%	6%
5-14	552	13%	13%
15-19	243	6%	8%
20-29	465	11%	14%
30-39	600	15%	14%
40-49	546	13%	14%
50-59	492	12%	11%
60+	921	22%	18%
TOTALS	4107	100%	100%

Source: Department of Statistics

2.3 Purpose of Management Plan

The management plan is intended to minimise conflict and interference between differing recreational users whilst maintaining or improving the quality of the existing recreation environment, **and....**

Provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation....and....the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified.

Reserves Act 1977 41 (3)

2.4 Need for Recreation Reserve

Recreation Reserves should provide for the recreational needs of the resident and surrounding communities whilst also meeting the demands of visitors as appropriate.

3 MANAGEMENT AIM

The basis for the management of Reserves is explained in the Reserves Act 1977.

That is:

- To provide for the recreation activities and physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities.
- The aim of this management plan is to provide a framework for equitable and accessible recreation for local residents, the wider Clutha District, and visitors as appropriate.

Management planning is a process for determining the management direction that the Community and the Clutha District Council would like to apply to reserves. This includes the identification of the ways in which management direction can be achieved. Management plans under the Reserves Act should outline the Council's general intentions for use, development and maintenance of its reserves.

The aim of the Reserves Act is to ensure reserves development and enjoyment are based on sound planning and that, through the public's involvement, the needs of the public are clearly identified.

4 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Management objectives provide a framework in which the management direction can be achieved. It is fundamental to reserve management that objectives and policies are clearly defined, so decisions regarding any activity proposed or carried out on the reserve are taken in accordance with those objectives and policies.

Subject to and in addition to the recommendations for the reserve, the following objectives and policies apply.

4.1 General

- To provide a broad spectrum of recreational opportunities.
- To minimise conflict and interference between recreationalists.
- To maintain and improve the quality of the existing recreation environment.
- To manage the reserve in accordance with its classification of Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

4.2 Use

- To promote and facilitate use of the reserve based on identifiable recreational demands that are compatible with the character and sustainability of the area.

4.3 Public Access

- To permit freedom of public access to the reserve as limited by the terms of any leases/agreements of the reserve or part reserve, or by District by-law.
- To facilitate public access to the reserve at a level that can be sustained without detriment to the area or the quality of the users' recreation experience.

4.4 Open Space

- To manage and promote the open space values of the reserve.

4.5 Protection

- To manage and protect the natural amenity values of the reserve.

5 MANAGEMENT POLICIES

5.1 Administration

The reserves are to be administered as a recreation reserve under the control of the Clutha District Council via a Management Committee.

Input from local organisations, committees, user groups, or individuals having suitable expertise and interest in the area will be evaluated on an individual basis.

It is important to co-ordinate management to ensure recreation opportunities and provisions continue at a satisfactory level.

5.2 Existing Leases and Licences to Occupy

Leasing of reserve areas enables sports organisations, private enterprises or community organisations to provide facilities for the public. It can also provide revenue for the administering body that can be applied to future development and maintenance of the reserve.

5.2.1 Agricultural and Pastoral Showgrounds

This area of 5.1539 ha **is not able to be an integral part of this Management Plan**, as it is owned by the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society. It does, however, host a number of sports fields and buildings. The Clutha District Sports Complex Joint Control Committee has the power to oversee the management and development of the Showgrounds under the Joint Control Agreement.

5.2.2 Grandstand

The South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society Society leases the land area of 1,520 m² more or less which is adjacent to the Showgrounds and is occupied by the Grandstand. The lease is for 33 years and expires on 31 March 2032 but has a right of renewal. This land is not being considered as part of this plan as it is administered by the Clutha District Sports Complex Joint Control Committee.

5.2.3 Phoenix Aviation Ltd

Phoenix Aviation leases an area of 625 m² of land adjacent to the airfield from Council. The lease term is for 19 years and 364 days, expiring on 30 January 2013.

5.2.4 South Otago Aero Club

The South Otago Aero Club leases an area of 21.4476 ha from Council. The lease term is for 21 years expiring on 31 October 2005. They have requested a further area that will be negotiated directly with them.

5.2.5 Willow Air (New Zealand) Ltd

Willow Air (NZ) Ltd leases an area of 625 m² from Council. The lease term is for 19 years and 364 days expiring on 28 June 2022.

5.2.6 Gun Club

The South Otago Gun Club leases an area of 2974 m² from Council and has a 33 year lease expiring on 31 December 2027.

Further future interest by organisations or enterprises to lease or obtain licences to occupy reserves are required to meet the requirements outlined in Sections 54, 67, 73, and 74 of the Reserves Act 1977.

5.3 Signs

- To erect a minimum of information and/or interpretive signs required of a type, which complement the site.
- To adopt a uniform design and standard for signs on recreation reserves within the Clutha District Council area utilising internationally recognised symbols. An exception to this is the aerodrome area which may use Civil Aviation approved signs.
- To permit the erection of signs specific to the requirements of the various organisations who utilise the reserve as set out in the individual leases, licences, and permits, which require to be completed.
- To prohibit the erection of any other signs not consistent with the use and purpose of the recreation reserve.

5.4 Prohibited and Restricted Activities

Certain activities are restricted or prohibited because of the effects they may have on the reserve or upon public enjoyment. The Reserves Act 1977, Council By-laws and Policies determine which activities are specified as prohibited in this management plan.

- To prohibit overnight camping in the reserve except for controlled and organised events.
- To prohibit the lighting of fires other than those in approved barbecues.

Uncontrolled fires are a hazard to any surrounding protected flora and fauna, building structures and facilities, and human life. Restrictions on use will lower the chances of fires becoming out of control.

- To prohibit the removal or damage of any tree, shrub or plant material within the reserve without Council authorisation.

Although there is limited vegetation in this reserve, it is an important component of a reserves value. Council may authorise (except if it is in the floodbank area as below), the removal of any tree shrub or plant material in the reserve that could be a threat to biodiversity, building structures or facilities, or existing amenity values.

- To prohibit activities in respect of any defence against water (floodbanks) unless given the written authority/consent of the Otago Regional Council pursuant to the Otago Regional Council Bylaw 1999 and the Regional Plan: Water 2004.

Activities which are prohibited without the written authority of the Otago Regional Council are:

to alter the floodbank, plant any tree or construct any structure within seven metres of the floodbank or between the bank and the watercourse, deposit any thing, remove any plant or equipment, carry out excavation which alters existing ground surface by more than 300 mm in depth, within 20 metres of the floodbank or drive any livestock, vehicle, plant, machinery or equipment over the floodbank (pursuant to section 3.2 of the Otago Regional Council Bylaw 1999 and sections 14.3 and 14.4 of the Regional Plan: Water 2004)

5.5 Dogs

Dogs may be exercised on the Reserve provided they are under continuous control as defined in Section 6.3 of Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997, except for the sports fields and areas defined with signage prohibiting dogs. There is also responsibility to remove any faecal matter the dog may produce as defined in Section 7 of the Bylaw. See Appendix 3 for Sections 6 & 7 of the Bylaw.

5.6 Modes of Transport

- To permit horses to be ridden in a controlled manner and mindful of other uses on the Pony Club grounds and the Riverside Reserve. The sportsgrounds may only be used by prior agreement with Council, as per the ground hire agreement form.
- To permit public vehicular and motorcycle access in the reserve on the formed roadway and grassed areas.
- To permit mountain bikes in the reserve on the formed roadway and on the grassed areas.
- To permit freedom of pedestrian access in the reserve except when access is restricted in the interests of safety to pedestrians for specified activities.
- Modes of transport are to be permitted in accordance with public safety/OSH requirements allowing the sports/recreational activities to take place in a safe and compliant environment.

5.7 Maintenance

Reserves need to be maintained to a standard, which facilitates safe and enjoyable use of the open space, buildings and facilities located thereon.

Maintenance issues include mowing of the grassed area, weed control, drainage and ground conditions, tree control, and the general maintenance of the buildings and associated facilities located on the reserve.

6 RESERVE ENVIRONMENT

6.1 Physical Environment

6.1.1 Climate

Balclutha has a relatively moderate climate compared with elsewhere in Otago and Southland with rainfall distribution being even throughout the year.

- Mean annual rainfall 678 mm
- Mean daily maximum temperature (summer) 19.6 degrees
- Mean daily maximum temperature (winter) 10.0 degrees
- Sunshine hours per year 1631

6.1.2 Topography and Soils

Balclutha is located on the low lying alluvial flats of the Clutha River at the divergence of the Matau and Koau branches of that river. Consequently the soil in this part of Balclutha is relative fertile and has great potential for horticultural uses.

The Recreation Reserve is located directly at the divergence of the Matau and Koau branches on a large relatively flat plain. As a consequence of this, the area is susceptible to flooding and a stop bank has been erected through the area (running from north to south) to protect the sports grounds/show grounds area and the town beyond. The sports fields to the east of the stop bank are still susceptible to flooding.

The area inside the stop bank is developed for sports grounds and the aerodrome, while the grounds to the west of the stop bank are used as a ponding area during periods of flood to reduce pressure on the floodbank.

6.2 Flora

The open space areas of the reserve are predominantly covered in grass with trees planted in the Riverside Reserve and shelter plantings along Glasgow Street and on the access road to the netball courts. The District Plan does not show any significant trees in this area.

6.3 Fauna

A number of introduced bird species, along with some native birds, can be observed in or adjacent to the reserve.

There is evidence of possum/rabbits in the reserve and the Otago Regional Council has initiated an eradication programme.

7 EXISTING USE AND FACILITIES

A map of the grounds is attached as Appendix 6.

7.1 Sportsgrounds

There are two full size rugby grounds and two full sized soccer grounds in the area between Glasgow Street and the flood bank.

The South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society have three pavilions, stables, yards, a two storied office building and grandstand with showers and public toilets and proposed change room area underneath.

The sportsgrounds are rented out seasonally to rugby, cricket and soccer clubs. These grounds are also available for one-off events for example for school sports days, circuses, shows, sports tournaments, fairs, pony events etc. for the general use and benefit of South Otago.

7.2 Rugby and Squash Clubroom Facilities

These facilities are located in the north western corner of the reserve and are fenced off with their own car park. All costs associated with the land and buildings in this area are the responsibility of the rugby and squash clubs.

7.3 Croquet Pavilion

The croquet pavilion is located on the western side of the netball courts. All costs associated with the ground and buildings are the responsibility of the Croquet Club.

7.4 Soccer Pavilion

The South Otago Football Association Soccer Pavilion is on the south side of the main entrance to the grandstand near the roadside on Glasgow Street. All costs associated with the pavilion and deck are the responsibility of the South Otago Football Association.

7.5 Netball and Tennis Courts

The Netball and Tennis Courts, known as Dreaver Courts, are located on the south side of the soccer sportsgrounds. All costs associated with the pavilion, courts and boundary fences are the responsibility of the respective netball and tennis clubs. Council provides and services rubbish bins and maintains the entrance road to the courts.

7.6 Riverside Reserve Sports Fields

There are two main areas used as sports fields. Two fields are on the north side of the internal centre road and consist of two full size rugby fields that are fenced off. Council mows these areas but all other maintenance costs are covered by the Clutha Rugby Football Club.

The sports fields on the southern side of the centre road are known as the old hockey grounds which are also fenced off and mown by Council. Hockey has not been played there for several years and after the last flood the rugby club contributed to the reinstatement of the grounds and have used the grounds on occasion for practises etc.

7.7 The South Otago Harness Club

The South Otago Harness Club uses and maintains their own training track located at the eastern end of the Riverside Reserve sportsfields, bounded by the railway track on two sides, pony club grounds and river. All maintenance issues are at the cost of the South Otago Harness Club.

7.8 The South Otago Motorcycle Club

The South Otago Motorcycle Club uses the ground at the eastern end of the Riverside Reserve sports fields, which includes the internal ground of the South Otago Harness Club training track. All design and maintenance costs are covered by the club who have invested considerable time and money on these grounds.

7.9 The Balclutha Pony Club

The Balclutha Pony Club occupies the area directly south of the riverside reserve sports fields. The area is fenced off and includes a storage shed and is bounded by the access road, old hockey grounds, railway track and trotting track. All maintenance costs are the responsibility of the Balclutha Pony Club.

7.10 Aerodrome

The land on the southern side of the railway is mainly used for aerodrome purposes. The South Otago Aero Club, Phoenix Aviation Limited and Willow Air (NZ) Limited have leases from Council to utilise the aerodrome. They have hangar buildings established on the site to house their aircraft. All land and buildings costs are covered by these parties.

7.11 South Otago Gun Club

The Gun Club pavilion and shooting range is located directly south of the aerodrome building and is situated on what is known as the Koau Reserve. All building and maintenance costs are covered by the South Otago Gun Club.

The Gun Club facilities do not meet the safety standards for gun club ranges. Discussions have been held with Council about alternative sites as we do not think the current area can be made safe.

7.12 Grazing

The eastern tip of the aerodrome is part of the Coronation Sportsgrounds Recreation Reserve, however it is physically severed from the majority of sports grounds by the Main South Trunk Railway and is therefore only utilised for grazing by the Aero Club as distinct from the Coronation Park (Riverside Reserve) which is leased by the A & P Society from the Riverside Committee.

8 ADJOINING LAND USE AND ALTERNATIVES

The south-western boundary of the reserve is bounded by Glasgow Street and some housing.

To the eastern and northern boundaries of the reserve is the Matau Branch of the Clutha River.

Council has received some complaints from nearby properties about the noise from the activities of the Motorcycle Club.

9 MANAGEMENT PLAN

9.1 User Agreements

A number of groups have long term use of parts of the reserve at Council's pleasure. Due to health and safety and other Local Government requirements, Council should have some sort of formal agreement with ongoing users for the ground hire. The ground hire form could be re-developed to cover use of an ongoing nature.

All long term users of the grounds not covered by a lease, will be covered by a formal hire agreement and this is to incorporate advice that they use the grounds at their own risk.

9.2 Reserve Management and Maintenance

There has been a Riverside Reserve Management Committee in place since the 1970's. This Committee is made up of two representatives from the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society, Clutha Rugby Football Club, South Otago Motorcycle Club, South Otago Harness Group and the South Otago Pony Club and a Balclutha Ward Councillor. In the past there have been representatives from hockey and softball.

The Riverside Reserve Management Committee should be disbanded and a new Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve Management Sub-Committee established in its place to oversee the management of all of the recreation reserve, including the Aero Club. This Committee will be a Sub-Committee of Council, as are other Reserve Management Committees. The representatives on this committee should be one representative from each of the clubs using the reserve, the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society, the South Otago Aero Club, a Balclutha Ward Councillor and a Council staff member. Other clubs using the reserve as at September 2005 are Clutha Rugby Club, South Otago Football Association, Clutha Cricket Club, South Otago Netball, South Otago Tennis, Croquet Club, South Otago Gun Club, South Otago Pony Club, Balclutha Pony Club, South Otago Harness Club and the South Otago Motorcycle Club.

This does not comply with the Council's Delegations of having a maximum of 5 community members on the Committee. However, this is considered an appropriate exception due to the number of users of this reserve.

One of the functions of this Management Committee will be the control and use of the recreation reserve, including by other individuals and groups.

The Riverside Reserve Management Committee will be dissolved and the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve Management Sub-Committee will be established in its place. The new Committee will comprise of one representative from each of the clubs using the recreation reserve, the South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society, the South Otago Aero Club, a Balclutha Ward Councillor and a Council staff member, as per the Terms of Reference (Appendix 4). The Committee should be chaired by an elected member of the Committee.

At present the Riverside Reserve Management Committee pays Council a fee set in the Fees and Charges book and this covers the mowing of the reserve and emptying of rubbish bins.

Maintenance costs for the Coronation Park Riverside Reserve are as follows:

Showgrounds, including rugby No 2 and soccer grounds	Approximately \$22,000 per annum
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This includes mowing, fertilising, aerating, weed and pest control, garden maintenance, maintenance of grandstand, ground closures and bookings of rugby and soccer field. These costs do not include non-routine maintenance or vandalism.

Riverside Reserve	Approximately \$5,600 per annum
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Maintenance of the internal road is covered under the roading maintenance contract.

The Management Committee will receive an annual budget of \$2,000.00 to cover the running of the toilet block and any vandalism expenses at Riverside Reserve.

One submitter, the Balclutha Primary School, requested more rubbish bins be established around the grounds. New bins were installed in the 2004/2005 year to replace existing drums.

Due to ongoing maintenance costs, the need for more rubbish bins will be monitored.

9.3 Signs and Restricted Areas

One submitter, the South Otago Aero Club, expressed safety concerns with regard to people walking too close to the eastern and western ends of the

runway, some with uncontrolled dogs that worry sheep grazing, particularly during glider towing. There is a tow rope hazard as well. Since this submission the following signs have been put up at the eastern and western ends of the runway.

9.4 Dogs

One submitter, The South Otago Aero Club had concerns about dogs under poor control especially while planes are taking off and landing. Therefore, dogs will only be permitted in limited areas of the reserve and whilst they are under control. This would be in accord with Section 5.4, Prohibited Activities.

Dogs may be exercised in limited areas of the reserve. Dogs may not be exercised in areas where there are signs erected prohibiting dogs such as the sports grounds, plus the area occupied by the aerodrome. Where permitted, they may only be exercised provided they are under continuous control as defined in Section 6.3 of Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997. They should be mindful of other users of the grounds. There is also responsibility to remove any faecal matter the dog may produce as defined in Section 7 of the Bylaw. See Appendix 3 for Sections 6 & 7 of the Bylaw.

9.5 Camping Activities

Overnight camping in the reserve should be prohibited except for controlled or organised events as per Section 5.4, Prohibited Activities.

Overnight camping within the reserve will be prohibited other than self contained camping for controlled or organised events.

9.6 Sports Grounds

A submission was received from the Clutha Rugby Football Club wanting to continue their use of the grounds. This was supported as the club has invested a lot of time and money in developing the area.

While the South Otago Football Association has not made a formal submission they have indicated that with the growth of the South Otago Football Association, practise grounds are an issue. If both the Rugby and Football Clubs have specified practise grounds, this allows the preservation of their respective two main fields for competition games. This issue is further complicated by the new showground ring having significant drainage issues and the closing of these grounds is taking place on a regular basis, especially in wet winters. Whilst practising on the soccer fields during the week is causing ground damage in wet conditions, this field also has drainage problems which have been complicated with the new showground ring.

The South Otago Football Club has also indicated their preference to also use the "Hockey Fields". They have informed Council that they may install lights at these grounds to enable night practises. The use of the grounds at the Old Boys Rugby

Grounds could be made available to the South Otago Football Club but their preference is to have all their grounds in one area. It may be advantageous to both the Clutha Rugby Football Club and the South Otago Football Club to have these grounds developed by the soccer club with an agreement to co-use these grounds as required.

The clubs currently using the sports grounds and adjacent area will be given continued use of the grounds which they have helped to develop, but changing demands of sports clubs will be considered on allocating practise fields (these are the fields located over the back of the flood bank in Riverside Reserve) to enable clubs to meet changing needs. Ground allocation will be guided by the Coronation Park Riverside Reserve Management Sub-Committee and confirmed by District Assets Committee and Council.

One submitter, the Balclutha Primary School, has school children who use the grounds and wish to have an athletics track marked on grounds somewhere for their own use and for the use of the South Otago Primary Schools Athletics.

It was envisaged that an athletics track would be within the showgrounds as part of the Clutha Sports Complex concept when the Grandstand was built. The school would be able to use this once the Athletics Club has agreed to shift their activities to this area. Until then, there would seem to be little point in duplicating an athletics track in this reserve when there is an existing track at the Old Boys Grounds at Centennial Park off Pearson Lane.

The Balclutha Primary School will continue to use the athletics track at the Old Boys Grounds at Centennial Park until such time as the Athletics Club agrees to shift their activities to the Coronation Park.

9.7 Pony Club Submissions

The Balclutha Pony Club wishes to retain the use of their grounds which they have had for 40 years and that all ground bookings should be done through a designated person of the Balclutha Pony Club. The Balclutha Pony Club has also requested an alleyway for use by the Trotting Club behind the Pony Club area and railway track.

The South Otago Pony Club wants to ensure that the grounds will also be available and can be booked for all horse riders in South Otago for instruction rallies, gymkhanas, competition days and visiting instructors. Access to the grounds on Balclutha Pony Club non-rally days is sought from the South Otago Pony Club. A fair booking system is requested for this. Clarification on charging is also sought remembering that no one is making money from these events and the South Otago Pony Club also has their own equipment stored on the grounds. Clarification on access for casual riders and locking of grounds is asked.

The Balclutha Pony Club will retain the use of their grounds and a fair and equitable booking system for all South Otago riders will be established through a designated person of the Balclutha Pony Club.

The charging of Pony Club grounds to non Balclutha Pony Club members will be fair and for costs incurred only.

9.8 South Otago Motorcycle Club

The South Otago Motorcycle Club would like to continue the use of their grounds. They have invested considerable time and money in the area.

The South Otago Motorcycle Club will retain the use of their grounds subject to the monitoring of noise and safety issues.

9.9 Extension of South Otago Aero Club Land

The South Otago Aero Club requested that they wish to have Recreation Reserve Lot A and Crown Land Lot 1 and the unformed legal road, all south of the Railway Line, added to the local purpose reserve land that they currently lease from Council.

Council staff will investigate the status of Lot A, Crown Land Lot 1 and the unformed legal road, before the Property Sub-Committee will decide whether to include the additional land in the South Otago Aero Club's lease.

9.10 Defences Against Water (Floodbanks)

The floodbanks (eg as in 5.4) are protected by the legislation of the Otago Regional Council.

Activities in respect of any defence against water (floodbanks) are prohibited unless given the written authority/consent of the Otago Regional Council pursuant to the Otago Regional Council Bylaw 1999 and the Regional Plan: Water 2004. (See Appendix 6).

9.11 Review Clause

Under the Reserves Act the Management Plan must be reviewed every ten years. However, within the ten year period it would be beneficial to have activities permitted by the Council via the District Assets Committee.

The Management Committee may make a recommendation to review the plan within the ten year period, but the ultimate decision would rest with Council, with consideration given to the cost of any review.

The Management Plan may be reviewed prior to the statutory ten years on the decision of Council.

10 CONCLUSION

The over-riding factor is the **ratepayer funding required** to achieve any initial improvement, upgrading, or provision of facilities, and the subsequent ongoing maintenance/servicing costs into the future.

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APPENDIX 1: Budget

A \$2,000 provision is to be granted annually in the Clutha District Council Annual Plan for the Reserve Management Committee for vandalism costs and the maintenance of the riverside reserve toilet block.

Year	2005/06		Total
2005/06	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2006/07	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2007/08	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2008/09	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2009/10	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2010/11	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2011/12	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2012/13	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000
2013/14	\$2,000	Vandalism & maintenance of riverside reserve toilet block.	\$2,000

APPENDIX 2: Excerpt from Clutha District Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997

6. Control of Dogs

6.1 **Leash Control Areas** - The owner or any person for the time having charge of any dog shall ensure the dog does not enter or remain in any public place in the Urban, Industrial, Rural Settlement Resource Areas (as defined by the Clutha District Plan) or public cemeteries unless it is kept on a leash, chain or lead which is secured or held so the dog cannot break loose.

6.2 The provisions of 6.1 shall not apply to a working dog carrying out the work in respect of which the dog has been registered.

6.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of 6.1, in any public place within the 'non-designated' area i.e. generally being the Rural, Transitional and Coastal Resource Area as defined by the District Plan (but excluding any Dog Prohibited area), or in any designated Dog Exercise Area (see Schedule A) a dog may be exercised without being restrained provided such a dog is kept under continuous control whilst being exercised.

For the purpose of this clause there shall be deemed to be sufficient control if such dog is under continuous surveillance of some responsible person and the dog does not give rise to any reasonable complaint as to its behaviour whilst being exercised.

6.4 **Dog Prohibited Areas** - Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw (with the exception of Clause 12) the entry of dogs on to any public place specified in Schedule A is prohibited.

7. Fouling by Dogs

No person (being the owner or a person having control or charge of any dog) shall permit or suffer the dog to foul with faecal matter any public place or any land or premises other than land or premises occupied by that person provided that no offence shall be deemed to have been committed against this bylaw where the owner or person having control or charge of the dog removes the faecal matter immediately after the dog has deposited the droppings. Where a public litter bin or similar receptacle is used to dispose of the faecal matter, they must be suitably wrapped or contained to prevent fouling such receptacles.

APPENDIX 3: Terms of Reference for the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve Management Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

**CORONATION PARK AND RIVERSIDE RESERVE
MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

1. INTRODUCTION

As per Section 9.1 of the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve Management Plan, it is proposed that a reserve management committee be formed to manage all of the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve areas, except for the showgrounds which are managed by the Clutha District Sports Complex Joint Control Sub-Committee. The new committee will replace the Riverside Reserve Management Committee.

2. AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

To ensure the appropriate operation, maintenance and development of the Coronation Park and Riverside Reserve areas as defined by this Management Plan and excluding the showgrounds and leasehold ground occupied by the grandstand.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To co-ordinate the fair and equitable use of grounds and facilities, while acknowledging the rights of existing users.
- To authorise and/or undertake any physical maintenance and development work that:
 - is permitted and programmed in the Reserve Management Plan, and
 - has funding available or has no funding requirements of Council, and
 - is not part of a contract administered by Council.
- To ensure that each group that already has, or is given, ground rights via this Committee, has an effective and efficient but fair and equitable booking system for the use of their grounds. Each booking system will have one contact point. The sportsgrounds will continue to be booked through the existing system, which at present uses Council's Parks and Reserves contractor.

- Each club can, within their own rules, decide if they collect non-profit payment for the use of the grounds and will each be responsible for the collection of such fees.
- All those with occupancy rights, lease holders and those granted temporary use, will be responsible for their own health and safety issues under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.
- Each individual group (rather than the Management Committee) will be responsible for identifying hazards and developing the safety and emergency procedures that may be required for their own areas.
- To report to Council via the District Assets Committee annually on the operation of the land and facilities.
- To report and/or recommend to Council via the District Assets Committee on budgets or any changes to fees and charges which are administered by the Management Committee (not the individual clubs/groups).
- To report and/or recommend to Council via the District Assets Committee on any changes to leases, long term rentals or changes of use.
- To recommend any matters concerning policy, management plans and associated Council funding to the Council via the District Assets Committee.
- To recommend to Council via the District Assets Committee the review of the Reserve Management Plan should significant change be required.
- To amend the Terms of Reference to comply with Statutes as required in conjunction with Council.

3. PROCEDURE

The Management Committee will:

- Work to an agenda prepared prior to the meeting.
- Have a quorum of five.
- Record comprehensive minutes of every meeting, particularly any actions required.
- Report regularly to the Council via the District Assets Committee.
- Work within budgets submitted to, and agreed by, Council.

4. MEMBERSHIP

The Management Committee shall comprise:

- Chairperson : Elected from the Committee members.
- Councillor : One Balclutha Ward councillor as appointed by Council.
- Council staff person : One Council staff person

One South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society representative
 One South Otago Aero Club representative

Plus one representative from each group which has, or is granted, ongoing use of any part of the grounds covered by this plan.

The Management Committee may co-opt to meetings any person who may have experience or expertise as required by the Committee. Such persons will not have voting rights.

Administration services will be provided from within the Committee.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson is responsible for chairing the meetings and ensuring that the Committee address the objectives and complies with these Terms of Reference.

Each member of the Committee is responsible for working within the Terms of Reference and undertaking such work as agreed.

APPENDIX 4: The South Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society/Clutha District Council Joint Agreement

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APPENDIX 5: EXCERPT FROM OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S REGIONAL PLAN: WATER 2004

Otago Regional Council Bylaw 1999

3.2 Defences Against Water

No person shall, without the prior written authority of the Council, in respect of any defence against water owned or controlled by the Council –

- a. Widen, raise, lower, reduce in width, or otherwise alter any defence against water
- b. Plant any tree
 - On any defence against water, or
 - Within seven metres of the landward side of any defence against water, or
 - Between the bank of any watercourse and any defence against water:
- c. Dump or deposit any thing
 - On any defence against water, or
 - Between the bank of any watercourse and any defence against water:
- d. Remove or interfere with any plant or equipment used or associated with any defence against water:
- e. Construct any structure:
 - On any defence against water
 - Within seven metres of the landward side of any defence against water, or
 - Between the bank of any watercourse and any defence against water:
- f. Carry out any excavation, which alters the existing ground surface by more than 300 millimetres in depth, within 20 metres of any defence against water.
- g. Carry out any excavation, which alters the existing ground surface by more than 300 millimetres in depth, within 20 metres of any defence against water.
- h. Construct any crossing in, over, through or under any defence against water.
- i. Drive any livestock or vehicle, or take any plant, machinery or equipment over any defence against water.

Regional Plan: Water 2004

14.3 The erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration, extension, removal or demolition of a defence against water other than on the bed of any lake or river

14.3.1 Permitted Activities: No Resource consent required

14.3.1.1 The alteration or reconstruction of any defence against water, other than on the bed of any lake or river, is a *permitted* activity providing:

- (a) There is no permanent change to the scale, nature or function of the defence against water.
- (b)

14.3.2 Discretionary Activities: Resource consent required

14.3.2.1 Except as provided for in Rule 14.3.1.1, the erection, reconstruction, placement, alteration, extension, removal or demolition, of any defence against water, other than on the bed of any lake or river, is a *discretionary* activity.

14.4 Structures other than defences against water on the margins of lakes and rivers

14.4.1 Permitted Activities: No Resource consent required

14.4.1.1 The erection or placement of any structure, other than a defence against water, within 7 metres of the margin of any lake, or within 7 metres of the top of the bank of any river, is a *permitted* activity, providing:

- (a) It does not result in the physical prevention or obstruction of access for works to avoid or mitigate any natural hazard; and
- (b) The Otago Regional Council is notified in writing, of the location and nature of the structure, at least seven working days prior to commencing the erection or placement.
- (c)

14.4.2 Restricted discretionary activities: Resource consent required

14.4.2.1 Except as provided for by Rule 14.4.1.1, the erection or placement of any structure, other than a defence against water, within 7 metres of the margin of any lake, or within 7 metres of the top of the bank of any river, is a *restricted discretionary* activity.

In considering any resource consent for the erection or placement of a structure in terms of this rule, the Otago Regional Council will restrict the exercise of its discretion to the following matters:

- (a) The potential for physical access along the river or lake, for works to avoid or mitigate any natural hazard, to be prevented or obstructed, and the degree to which such access will be obstructed.

APPENDIX 6: Location Map

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