



**Notes of the  
Proposed Amendments to the Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan Hearing  
Committee held at the Endeavour Park Pavilion, 181 Waikawa Road, Picton 7220  
on FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 commencing at 10.00 am**

## **Present**

Councillors C J Brooks (in the Chair), N P Taylor and M J Fitzpatrick

## **In Attendance**

Heather Graham (Small Townships Project Manager), and Jamie Lyall (Manager, Property and Community Facilities), Regan Russell (Project Coordinator) and Bernadette Brooklands (Secretary)

## **Apologies**

Linda Craighead (Parks & Open Spaces Planner) and David Dew (submitter)

# **Proposed Amendments Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan R510-014-029-04**

The Chair welcomed those present and outlined the format for the Hearing.

There were 40 submissions received and of those 6 submitters wanted to speak to their submission.

Prior to the Hearing the following reports/information were circulated to the Hearing Panel:

1. Memo – Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan – Memorial Park Proposed Amendment (Filed in CM Rec No. 22196403)
2. Submission Summary Table (Filed in CM Rec No. 22196420)
3. Submissions (Filed in CM Rec No. 22196420)

The following speakers had indicated they would speak to their submission but did not appear at their allotted time.

- *David Dew – apology received*
- *John Pickering*

The following is a summary of submitters' address to the Hearing Panel and questions asked of the submitters. All submitters were present in the room.

## **Friday, 30 September 2022**

*Anouk Euzeby (Port Marlborough NZ Ltd)*

A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No. 22196752.

Submitter Position We fully support the proposed Amendment and the outcomes it will enable in supporting safe and efficient parking for launching ramp users, with downstream improvements for our neighbours and the wider community over the busiest times of the year.

### Submitter's Address

Ms Euzeby presented information covered through the powerpoint.

### Questions/discussion from Hearing Panel

- Cllr Fitzpatrick sort to clarify Ms Euzeby's comment regarding difficulty in optimizing parking due to staff hours not covering the extended hours that boaties come and go from the facility. Cllr Fitzpatrick asked if an extension of staff hours over the peak time may alleviate this issue. Ms Euzeby felt that the line marking supports alleviating this issue.

- Clr Fitzpatrick asked whether the additional parking area proposed would manage the issue. Ms Euzeby did not have exact figures but, no did not feel the space would cater for everyone at peak times, but that 97% of the time it would.
- Clr Taylor asked what the port company's business unit forecasting was for future berth holder numbers? Ms Euzeby responded that she does not have percentage forecast for the years to come, however the Port has been looking at trends. Ms Euzeby explained that the trends can be affected by other factors such as weather and when school and public holiday periods fall. The overflow will be needed during peak times to accommodate trailers and vehicles.
- Clr Taylor asked if the Port Company foresaw a time that the Port Company would need access to Memorial Park outside of the "current" peak times. Ms Euzeby did not think so.
- Clr Taylor asked if there was a difference between management of berth holders who pay a yearly fee vs casual day user who pay for the day? It was noted that there is no difference, it is first in, first served for trailer parking.
- Clr Brooks asked if the new space will be enough to accommodate the busy periods? Ms Euzeby advised it should be enough 97% of the time at the Picton Marina and at the Waikawa Marina for 92% of the time. New Year's Eve is typically a busy time.
- Clr Brooks asked how will the parking time limits be managed? Ms Euzeby noted that having short-term stays at the front of the grass parking space and the longer term stays at the rear of the extended space would allow the turnover in the short-term parking to flow well.
- Clr Brooks asked what were high demand times? Ms Euzeby said any long weekends (including Christchurch anniversary weekend when Cantabrians travel up to their bach), Christmas period through to January and school holidays.
- Clr Taylor asked if the Port could track owners of trailers that have overstayed and have the authority to remove these? Ms Euzeby noted that the Port do have ways to do this even if it is a causal user and not a marina member.

An email was received by Mr Dew at 10.30 am advising that he was a late apology to the meeting. The email was circulated to the panel for their consideration and content is included under the Submitter's Address.

*David Dew*

Submitter Position: The change does not go far enough. The whole area available for parking between the dates 22 December to 31 January every year.

#### Submitter's Address

The following three points were raised in the email:

Firstly Council has the power under certain conditions to use reserves for car parking to the exclusion of other uses. All that's being suggested here is use for a limited time.

Reserves are there for the use by all in the Country not just nearby residents so the needs to be taken into account are national not just local.

The need for parking in this location for a limited time is overwhelming. Failure again to provide for the need will result in clogged streets again.

Secondly Council and the Port Company need to plan for the next 20-30 years not just the next 3-5 years.

I don't see any sign of forward planning in the proposals.

Thirdly the Port Company should staff the car parking area in the park every day during the Xmas/New Year period at least to mid-day to ensure efficient use of parking.

*Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group)*

Submitter Position: The Picton Business Group supports the amendment with additional comments and request that PBG continue to be consulted on this matter.

### Submitter's Address

A PowerPoint was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 22199613.

Mr Gosling explained that he felt dog walking areas are well provided for in Picton, therefore, if the parking space takes over the dog park area at the marina during peak times, this should not affect dog walkers who can use other areas. Picton also has ample greenspace for people to walk and children to play and advocates for a share the park culture.

Having visited area every day last summer, Mr Gosling acknowledged the limited places to launch a boat and questioned if the area suggested through the proposed plan was big enough.

### Questions/discussion from Hearing Panel

- Clr Brooks noted that the Hampden Stream will have enhanced plantings to protect the ecological system of the waterway at the marina.
- Mr Gosling spoke of the Picton Business Groups support of a new helicopter landing pad being constructed for St John and Coastguard on the site. Mr Gosling noted that the landing pad will be large enough for two helicopters to land.
- Clr Taylor asked if Mr Gosling thought people would be in favour of Council offering more land to the Port to cover these high peak times? Mr Gosling did not think the public would mind as there are plenty of green spaces in Picton.
- Clr Taylor requested from Mr Lyall for deliberation purposes to provide information on the proposed helicopter pad.

### *John Pickering*

Submitter Position: That Port Marlborough look after its customers with respect to vehicle storage and not impose on local ratepayers with this problem. That Council imposes Time Limit parking on the entrance way public parks and the parks on south boundary of Endeavour Park. Suggest 4hr in line with foreshore or a lesser time, parking signs to include At ALL Times.

### Submitter's Address

Mr Pickering was absent from the meeting; however, his submission was noted by the panel.

### *Michael Horgan*

Submitter Position: Opening up the domain is the easiest answer for Picton and it is only for a few weeks at limited times of the year. There surely is also the potential to have another parking area for vehicles and trailers in the top of Shakespeare Bay on land already owned by MDC.

### Submitter's Address

Mr Horgan has been coming to the area for 50 plus years as a boatie and batch owner, he shared that he has communicated with several batch owners when forming his position on the topic.

Advocates for use of the area by all, noting he is a dog owner and enjoys using the Victoria Domain for walking his dog.

In Mr Horgan's view, there was no consultation led by Port Marlborough when Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan was consulted on. They (Port Marlborough) have a great database of users who could have been engaged to offer their thoughts.

Mr Horgan said members receive regular communication and newsletters from Port Marlborough, however, is concerned that the latest communication with members included a map of the Picton Marina that is not consistent with the map offered by Council as part of this submission. This map was shown to the panel.

Mr Horgan highlighted the need for management of different parking times (day/short term/long term) to ensure efficient use of the space available. Mr Horgan also expressed concern that Waikawa parking is problematic, that people experience delays at launch area.

Highlighted the huge economic benefit brought into the area by boat users and reiterated that the main issue is the management of the area.

### Questions/discussion from Hearing Panel

- Clr Brooks highlighted the consultation that was undertaken regarding the development of the Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan. Agreed the Hearing Panel did not hear from the boating community and that this was frustrating for all.
- Clr Taylor clarified understanding of Mr Horgan feedback on parking signs/information needs to be clearer on time limits for short/medium/long term parking.
- Clr Brooks asked for Mr Lyall to provide information for the deliberation on the Council owned land in Shakespeare Bay. Mr Lyall advised that he has this information for the panel.
- Clr Taylor asked Ms Euzeby where do people park who want to spend more than three weeks at their bach? It was noted that boat owners need to advise the Port if they wish to purchase a longer stay pass, so they can extend their time limit.

### *Rob Burn (Queen Charlotte Yacht Club)*

Submitter Position: The proposals as described be adopted so the Memorial Park overflow parking area can be expanded for the safety of our community and the convenience of our Marina and Harbour users.

### Submitter's Address

Mr Burns shared that he was speaking predominantly as the Commodore of the Queen Charlotte Yacht club – who are grateful for the use of Memorial Park for running their large events.

Firm believer in sharing the park.

Is also here as a long-term resident who lives just off Waikawa Road. Long term member of Destination Marlborough and has tourist interests.

Mr Burn shared that in his opinion this situation is a symptom of the growing success of Picton since the ferries arrived. Feels this issue is going to be further impacted while the ferry terminal work is undertaken.

Mr Burn is supportive of an expansion of the area. Does not want to see us all back here at a panel like this again reconsidering that we have got it wrong.

Mr Burn shared that he is a regular dog walker, park user, walker and biker.

Felt that as a community we were lucky that we did not suffer a fatality because of last Christmas's traffic situation.

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club has and will continue to do its bit to liaise with the Port Company around the use of Memorial Park.

### Questions/discussion from Hearing Panel

- Clr Brooks asked if there have been any issues with the Yacht Club events occurring on a long weekend when they need the space for their events? Mr Burn noted that club events do not occur over the Christmas period. The boat trailers are usually stacked up near the Yacht Club and vehicles parked away from the marina to ease any congestion. Mr Burn advised the panel that a large Yacht Club event will be held in Easter 2024 and that the third weekend in February will also be a busy period with events being held.
- Clr Fitzpatrick asked if the area of land near the Jolly Roger could be used to build a dry stack? Mr Burn noted that the cost would be too great for the club to afford.
- Clr Taylor asked Mr Lyall to provide information to the panel on the reserves booking system.
- Clr Taylor asked Mr Burn if he agrees with the time being pushed out around the dog walking area. Mr Burns stated that he does agree to this.

The Hearing concluded at 11.48 am.

*The following is a list of those that provided a submission but did want to speak at the Hearing.*

*Allan Struthers*

Submitter Position: Memorial Park can be used as needed for back up vehicle usage in peak times.

*Anthony Gihon*

Submitter Position: 1. Open the Picton Marina domain for additional parking spaces during summer. 2. Prohibit boat trailer parking on the Waikawa Road (this is a major traffic hazard).

*Brendon Wallace*

Submitter Position: Stay as an overflow carpark.

*Brian Smith*

Submitter Position: Parking controls within the area. This involves extending the available area beyond what the Council proposal recommends.

Chris Els

Submitter Position: Removal of the posts installed to deter boat users and other traffic from using more than the boundary given to park their car, it also comes to a point where long-term parking is not provided for those whom wish to stay out for a few days, this should be done farther from the ramp (Picton) and the closer parking left to those day holders or seasonal pass holders.

*Clifford Robertson*

Submitter Position: Support but temporary parking should be extended from 40% to 80% - raised issues of safety.

*Clinton Gapper*

Submitter Position: I would like to see people who are parking long term made to park on the domain, so the sealed car parks at the marina can be utilised by day users only.

*Colin Burnett*

Submitter Position: Safety issue. Seek to keep Memorial Park open for parking of vehicles and boats during the season as required.

*Dave Duthie*

Submitter Position: Short term the park is probably the safest option but long term a sustainable option must be a priority.

*Emma Chilton*

Submitter Position: Support the proposed changes as required during busy periods. The time when parking was restricted created huge problems around local roads with vehicles and boat trailers parked in awkward and sometimes dangerous places. Greater monitoring of vehicles and trailers who choose not to use parking provided and opt to use local roads instead.

*Hannah Macfarlane*

Submitter Position: As much trailer and car parking as possible available at the Reserve in the summer months.

*Ian Barnes*

Submitter Position: Offered solution of fencing and marking area. Timeframe Friday 16 December thru to March 17.

*Jeanette Neal*

Submitter Position: No trailer parking signs erected on Waikawa Road between High St and Lincoln St. No overnight parking at Waikawa ramp or additional parking by rowing sheds. Trailer parking ONLY at Waikawa down by the Arapawa rowing shed. Paint parks at the Arapawa car park.

*Jim and Lynley Mangos*

Submitter Position: Support the proposed change to the Plan whereby Appendix 5 is amended to increase the green space available for temporary parking in Victoria Domain.

*Kelvin and Julie Dixon*

Submitter Position: We welcome any proactive parking management and administration system and enthusiastically support input from Marlborough District Council, Port Marlborough and New Zealand Police.

*Kim Saunders-Singer*

Submitter Position: I generally support the amendment with some concerns.

*Lindsay & Patricia Dahlberg*

Submitter Position: Support the plan to allow temporary extension to the parking area on Memorial Park during the busy summer season and other holiday periods for boat trailers.

*Matt Williams*

Submitter Position: Out of town boaties bring significant finances into area. Shame if they look elsewhere to spend time and money.

*Mike Wightwick*

Submitter Position: Disbelief of last summer's issue and can't happen again. Suggest use the Council owned park and mark out car parks to enable the most amount of parks to be available.

*Mike Taylor*

Submitter Position: Under no circumstance should any part time, or full time, lease to the Port Marlborough exceed the length of time that would require revocation of the Reservation on this Reserve. Removal of current posts. Protection of other recreations such as dog walking during peak times important. Reminder of RSA involvement and guardianship of this area.

*Pamela Francis*

Submitter Position: Increase vehicle and trailer parking with lined markings on Memorial Park by Picton Marina Launching ramp. Make sure there is enough.

*Paul McDonald*

Submitter Position: Serious H&S issue. Volume of parking required can't be services without use of Memorial Park. If properly managed and controlled, use of park assists on taking trailers off the streets.

*Peter Foulds*

Submitter Position: This area would be good for short term parking over the Xmas period. For longer term parking over 3 days is there another area for parking, this would free up space for the day tripper and encourage people to come to Picton.

*Pip Clouston*

Submitter Position: The whole area available for parking between the dates Mid Dec (at least) - 31 Jan.

*Rachel Russell*

Submitter Position: Concern for environmental impact detailed in submission and offered solutions to reduce impact if parking went ahead.

*Rata & Richard Andrell*

Submitter Position: Ratepayers and holders of annual launch pass. Suggestion of sealing Memorial Park. And more parking at Waikawa.

*Rebecca Leeh*

Submitter Position: Limit length of time for parking in the Picton Marina over peak season. Secure parking at Waitohi Domain. Cars only in the grassed area of Picton Marina and paid for stickers if they have dropped their trailers off at Waitohi Domain. Part of the longer term plan could be to seal part of Waitohi Domain and get trucks to park there all year round and the boat trailers in the peak season.

*Richard Briggs*

Submitter Position: Adopt the changes proposed in Appendix 5, outlined in the amendment to Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan as a peak season and specific event solution to extended trailer and vehicle parking.

*Roger Dunn*

Submitter Position: All for the reserve being parking over these peak times.

*Sheryl and Ross Uren*

Submitter Position: Some of the park should be open over the holiday periods to give visitors to the area a safe and secure place to leave their boat trailers while they are enjoying the Marlborough Sounds and helping Marlborough's economy by visiting the local attractions.

*Tim McCaffrey*

Submitter Position: Current approach has caused many safety issues.

*Valerie Kenny*

Submitter Position: I would like Council to alter the criteria so the extra space for boat trailers could be allowed at peak holiday times.

*Viv Hazelton*

Submitter Position: I would like to see the dog park used for temporary car/boat trailer parking during peak periods. I would also like to see "no overnight" parking in Waikawa Road. Or just one side of the road used for parking, preferably the harbour side.

*Zane Ellis*

Submitter Position: Proposed creation of long term parking away from ramps at Picton and Waikawa. Signage to support this.



**Deliberations of  
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Hearing Committee held at the Endeavour Park Pavilion, 181 Waikawa Road, Picton 7220  
on FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 commencing at 12.45 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors C J Brooks (in the Chair), N P Taylor, M J Fitzpatrick

**In Attendance**

Heather Graham (Small Township Project Manager) and Jamie Lyall (Manager, Property and Community Facilities)

**Executive Summary**

1. Council called for submissions on a proposed amendment to the Victoria Domain Reserves Management Plan (Plan) that was adopted in June 2021. The amendment recommended an increase in the 'temporary parking' area as outlined in Appendix 5 of the Plan.
2. 40 submissions were received. Representatives from Port Marlborough, Picton Business Group, Queen Charlotte Yacht Club and a Christchurch resident with property in the Marlborough Sounds spoke to their submissions and two others apologised for non-attendance.
3. The key points raised by the submitters were peak holiday periods, parking management, parking efficiency, traffic safety, alternative recreation areas, communications, economic benefits, and tourism.
4. The majority of submitters recommended that the area for 'temporary parking' should be increased based on demand to ensure that traffic related matters that occurred over the summer of 2021/22 do not occur again.
5. **Recommendations**

**The hearings panel agreed to the following:**

- 5.1. A proposed helicopter landing site should be secured within Memorial Park and the remainder of Memorial Park made available for temporary parking at peak times over holiday periods.**
- 5.2. Efficient control and management by Port Marlborough of the temporary parking area including pedestrian accessways on Memorial Park is necessary to provide the best community outcome.**
- 5.3. Council's Park Booking system will be used for holiday periods with peak parking requirements.**
- 5.4. A licence to occupy the reserve area to be used for parking will be entered into between Port Marlborough and Council to meet Reserve Act requirements.**
- 5.5. Council and Port Marlborough work together on a strategic plan for trailer parking in the Picton Marina vicinity.**

The deliberations concluded at 2.00 pm.

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