

Developing a reserve management plan for Grovetown Lagoon

First round of feedback/suggestions
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The feedback/suggestions in this document are from the first round of public submission on the development of a reserve management plan for the Grovetown Lagoon.

Names of those who have provided feedback/suggestions have been retained but other information on contact details has been removed.

List of those providing feedback

No.	Name
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002	Barrer, Rob and Anne
003	Roberts, Felicity
004	Neame, Lynda
005	Giles, Graeme
006	Fish and Game NZ (Vaughan Lynn)
007	Nelson Marlborough Health DHB (Jane Murray)
008	Beattie, Amanda
009	Gorham, Amanda
010	Beal, Jeremy
011	Hunnisett, Philip
012	Phillips, Sean, Liliana and Andreja
013	Poswillo, Sue and John
014	Wood, Evin
015	Newsham, Tim
016	Wright, Roy and Anita
017	Warburton, Murray
018	Wade, Heli, Leila, Grace and Oli
019	Wright, Gary
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021	Hide, Nick
022	Piotrowski, Jan
023	Offord, Riki
024	Minehan, Ben

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026	Murphy, Frances
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030	Hamill, India
031	Lines, Shelley
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034	Burrows, Lyall
035	Timms, Colin
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Haylock

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Email

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Yes

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

About twice a month

How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

Walk our dogs around the circuit. Sit and watch the wildlife, enjoy the native plants. Occasionally kayak on the lagoon

What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

The great walking trail. Predator control being conducted. Dog friendly walking area and cycling track

What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

Control of invasive pest species (currently seems to be well under control)

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Continue the process of planting, trapping and maintaining the track network. Consider another boardwalk section across the boggy areas through the wetlands.

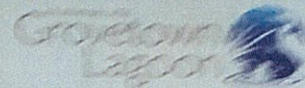
Other comments

We appreciated the opportunity to donate a seat for the enjoyment of all visitors, and as a memorial to our daughter.

This provides a strong family tie to the area.

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Submitter details:

First Name: Rob & Anne Surname: Barrer

Organisation (if applicable): _____

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Postcode: _____

Contact details:

Daytime phone number: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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1. How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

2 or 3 times per week.

2. How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

Walking around whole area.

Biking around lagoon.

Taking visitors for photos/walks

Looking for rare native birds -

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3. What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

The constant improvements.
Large groups of Black Swans,
Native birdlife

4. What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

Bad Smells around piggery ponds. - Still after
years out of commission,
Dumping site right next door.

5. Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Keep it up.

6. Other comments:

We are very grateful to all the workers
planting, natives, weed eating etc

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Return
feedback to:

Attention Justine Johnson
Environmental Science
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Submitter details:

First Name: Felicity Surname: Roberts

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1. How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

most days. Its a wonderful environment for all age-groups, young & old. Our grand-kids love it, they try & count all the different birds! We take our visitors to the lagoon, plus grandkids, all age-groups enjoy being there.

2. How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

walking, picnic

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3. What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

The planting — a lot to be done, even more varieties.

Lova the peacefulness, + its "wellbeing"
Its close to home.

4. What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

That the Grovetown Lagoon will become "politically" inaccessible (!!) or we will have to pay to walk this area.

5. Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

more boardwalks, eg in "wet" grass areas.

more 'info' boards eg. Similar to what you have partially done for the natural springs in the area (so interesting).

6. Other comments:

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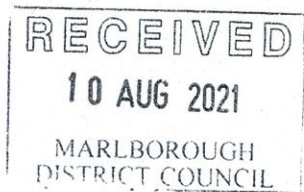
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1. How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

regularly.

2. How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

- walking, also with dog on lead.
- clearing dead trees
- just looking
- In the past have participated in setting up the project & working bees

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3. What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

- * The peacefulness
- * Bird life.
- * Being beside a waterway

4. What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

Should not be developed as a bike way. Keep as a walking track only. Very important not to disturb the bird life.

5. Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Continue with the working bees involving community & schools.

6. Other comments:

This project will be with us forever & should be taken a step at a time.

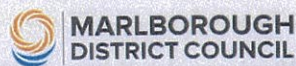
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First Name: Graeme Giles Surname: Giles

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1. How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

weekly possibly 2x on average

2. How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

Cycle it. 50%

Walk it. 50%

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3. What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

Tranquility, Diversity, Water and
Aquatic Proximity, Birdlife
Picnic tables.

Handy location - Peaceful
Great example of restoring land/waterways
to a more natural habitat.

4. What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

Be great to have a web site or
facebook page that we can leave reports
or comments. Also promote the
current web site more.

Duckshooting

5. Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Possibly several flora and fauna Bill Boards
giving outlines of the animals and species supported.
Also the area is extremely rich in history

6. Other comments:

The website could be expanded to include
local history from local residents. Once these people
pass away the history is lost.
It could be a very valuable long term
record.

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Linda Craighead-7656

From: Vaughan Lynn
Sent: Tuesday, 24 August 2021 4:02 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Cc: Rhys Barrier
Subject: management plan

Hi there

Good to hear that the management plan for Grovetown Lagoon is being updated and feedback is being sought. Fish and Game is very keen on being involved in the development of the draft plan particularly around the management of recreational gamebird hunting. It would be a good to have a paragraph or two in the plan about the history and ongoing use of the lagoon for gamebird hunting. It would also be a good opportunity to update and formalise the arrangements we have had in place for the last season around shooting hours and areas of no shooting to help manage the potential conflict between hunters, other users such as walkers, and nearby residents. Having agreed guidelines for hunting clearly mapped out in the management plan would be very helpful for all users going forward. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Thanks Vaughan

Vaughan Lynn
Field Officer
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Nelson Marlborough Region

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**Feedback for the
development of a
management plan for the Te
Whanau Hou Grovetown
Lagoon**

27 August 2021

For more information please contact:
Jane Murray
NMDHB Public Health Service
Email:
Phone:

Submitter details

1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Marlborough Council's request for feedback for the development of the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
3. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NMH.

Specific Comments

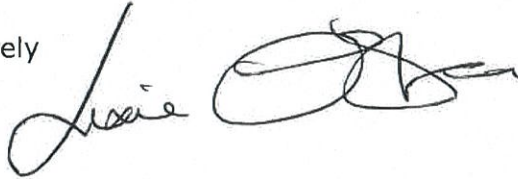
4. NMH continues to support the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan. The 2003 plans included within its vision that the restoration of the Lagoon would enhance the habitat for fish and bird life and enable the gathering of food and encourage recreational uses. NMH endorses this vision along with the desired outcomes to make the lagoon safe, clean and friendly, improve the water quality and enhance biodiversity.
5. As the lagoon is developed, NMH would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring that community amenities are easily accessible and inclusive of people with limited mobility.
6. NMH recommends that the lagoon is a smokefree and alcohol free area, this would help keep the surrounding environment free of litter. Given this area is used for game shooting, alcohol restrictions would discourage hunters from mixing drinking and using firearms. Smokefree and alcohol free signage would be required.
7. The number and quality of seating should also be assessed. Seating in public spaces is important because it gives people a place to rest and socialise. Seating spaces need to have a plain design and be easily recognised as chairs to help those people with sight impairments and dementia.¹ Public benches need to include a centre handrail so that people can easily get in and out of seats.

¹ Alzheimer's Australia Vic (2016) *Creating Dementia-friendly communities: A toolkit for local government* Commonwealth and Victoria Government's Home and Community Care program
<https://www.fightdementia.org.au/files/NATIONAL/documents/Dementia-friendly-communities-toolkit-for-local-government.pdf>

Conclusion

8. NMH thanks the Marlborough District Council for the opportunity to feedback for the development of the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', written in a cursive style.

Lexie O'Shea
Chief Executive

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? Approx fortnightly

How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? My kids and I walk the lagoon for exercise and to observe the birds and ecosystem. We often enjoy picnics there.

What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? The bird life and how close it is to town.

What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? Duck shooting within the lagoon, I feel this makes it unsafe for my family to use the lagoon. Also it disrupts the bird life in the lagoon.

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area? Excluding it from duck shooting so the bird life can thrive.

Other comments

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? I live on the island which the lagoon surrounds. I use the Grovetown Lagoon track daily between August-May. I do not use the track, or even walk down Cemetery Road, in May, June and July due to the fact the lagoon is used for duck shooting.

How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? We walk around the Lagoon using the track. We take our canoe out into the Lagoon. We have picnics with family. We photograph the birds (when they are actually in the Lagoon - unfortunately they get scared off when duck shooting starts in May). As stated above, we refuse to use any features of the Lagoon during duck shooting season.

What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? I enjoy the walking tracks and how well they have been maintained. I enjoy the beautiful scenery. I also enjoy the birdlife - when they are not being shot at.

What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

As you can probably tell, my main concern in the duck shooting. Firstly, as a public walking track, I think it is very unsafe that the lagoon is being publicised as a place to take your family for walks while shooting is taking place. Many of the maimai's, or areas where shooting is happening, actually face towards the track. Secondly, I think it's disgusting that the project is publicised as a means to try to promote encouraging birdlife to return and live at the lagoon only for them to be shot at or scared away from their habitat.

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

If the Grovetown Lagoon area is going to continue being promoted as a family place to go for walks, go canoeing/kayaking, or look at birdlife then duck shooting should no longer be allowed to take place here.

Other comments

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? 3 times a week
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? for walking
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? its a good track to take the kids for a walk for fitness and its close to home, its always good to see the growth of the new plantings
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? the duck shooting season . it should be banned being so close to a public walkway and with there being a few houses on Maori Island who can guarantee where the pellets are ending up , its dangerous to be anywhere near there at that time of year
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area? to ban duck shooting down there!

Other comments

it is a great facility for locals to be using but would be even better to be able to use it safely at all times of year

Please upload any supporting documentation for your submission

Linda Craighead-7656

From: Philip Hunnisett
Sent: Saturday, 4 September 2021 2:54 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Cc: Tim Barton
Subject: Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management plan.

Our family regularly visit this wonderful reserve and often bring visitors from out of town for a stroll. There are so many attractions with the bird life, the new forest emerging, the views of the surrounding landscapes and the ever changing water.

We feel it is such a good model for good community involvement with all the different groups of volunteers working together to grow the seedlings, clear the weeds, planting them out, ongoing releasing, track maintenance and mowing and pest control.

We are involved directly with the pest control team and check the traps according to our duty roster. No point in creating a bird sanctuary to feed rats and stoats!

Looking to the future I would like to see the phasing out of the duck shooting option. I realise that this activity may have some kind of existing use rights but given due notice this should be overcome. It has always seemed somewhat anomalous to invite families for recreation with the potential for shooting thrown in.

The other matter is the increasing population of black swan which have really taken to the lagoon and seem to have become the predominant bird. Is culling something that can be considered or necessary?

Submitted by Phil Hunnisett Thanks Sent from Tuamarina

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	We visit the area regularly and our daughter attends Grovetown School and has participated in a couple of plantings and school trips
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	Walking, bird watching, connecting with nature
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	Love the bird life and the regeneration of native plants, especially the kahikatea and other slow growing podocarps/rakau rangatira. Great to see all the efforts, love and care, plantings, and growth over these years. Looking after the Lagoon and working on bringing back Big bush in such a collaborative manner is really important for mana whenua and our whole community. It's a brilliant project and one we wholeheartedly support.
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	We don't think that duck shooting is a good fit for the lagoon at all - it should be a true bird and native plant

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Other comments

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sanctuary. As the sign at the entrance to the walk to the bird watching area says - 'this is a place for the birds'. And this is what it should be all year round - also as an important consideration for the safety of walkers.

Please continue the wonderful work! Justine and volunteer team have been great and lots of continued support for them would be great. We do have a dream that one day more land around the lagoon in at the heart of the lagoon could be retired from vine growing, added to the Reserve area and planted in natives. Keep up the trapping and the brilliant work that goes on in the shade house at Grovetown school and at the lagoon too - Ka pai and thank you!

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12-8-21

Re Grovetown Lagoon.

My wife & I have closely followed the wonderful improvements made by the Council and the Grovetown Lagoon Society Inc; and volunteers over many years.

We have walked there several times up till about two years ago, when my wife's Parkinsons illness got steadily worse and she couldn't manage her walker on the gravel path.

It would be a great improvement if the walking tracks could be sealed (even half-way) and one or two seats put in around the lagoon.

This would considerably help all people with disabilities and encourage them to come out, see the bird-life and native tree

planting.

I realise costs become a major factor, but perhaps a local contractor could sponsor this as a community project.

Yours sincerely
Sue & John Poswells

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Linda Craighead-7656

From: Justine Johnson
Sent: Monday, 6 September 2021 9:16 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Subject: Fw: Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan

From: MDC
Sent: Monday, 30 August 2021 8:20 AM
To: Justine Johnson
Subject: FW: Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan

From: Evin Wood [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Friday, 27 August 2021 7:27 PM
To: MDC
Subject: Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan

Dear Justine,

I am writing this submission to let you know that I consider Te Whanau Hou/Grovetown Lagoon an asset to the Marlborough Community.

I travel there very easily by bike from Blenheim, either with my grandson or out-of-town visitors.

We travel there to enjoy the-out-doors environment, for exercise and appreciate the plants and animals that can be seen there.

I enjoy it because it is within biking distance of the town. It is a pleasant environment where I can enjoy the bird life acting naturally in their spaces. I appreciate the access to a public toilet there now.

My only concern about the lagoon is that it may get too popular and disturb the bird life.

I think the lagoon will improve as the plantings become established and the pest control becomes more effective.

Regards
Evin Wood

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? monthly
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? wildlife viewing and part of trap line team
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? viewing wildlife an seasonal changes, exercise, entertaining out of town visitors
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? Ongoing funding security.
Opposition to the entire Grovetown project by certain neighbors, or people with interests in communally owned land within the project area.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area? Physically no. Legal access should be sorted on certain portions of project area.
Other comments As Tangata whenua iwi is invested with the project leadership, they are probably the appropriate body to exert

kaitiaki over the legal and social acceptance of the project. If that is not practical, then MDC should try to negotiate terms of agreement with those obstructing access to certain areas for pest control and other habitat enhancement projects. Specifically, this relates to private and/or communal owned iwi land.

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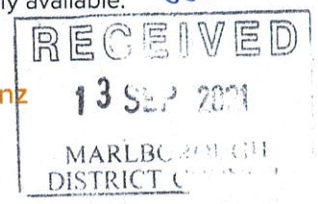


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1. How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

We frequently visit the lagoon

2. How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

We use the lagoon for walking and enjoy observing the wild life.

Feedback & suggestions on Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve management plan

3. What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

It is mostly a relaxing environment.

4. What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

Duck Shooting ruins the whole area. It is extremely dangerous when people are freely using firearms beside a public walkway. The bird life is extremely reduced as a result of the shooting and takes some time to return.

5. Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Make it more people friendly all year round. There is no need to have people visiting the cemetery, walking the track, or working on their own properties feeling they have suddenly arrived in a war zone.

6. Other comments:

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Submission for the management of the Grovetown Lagoon.

Over the last two years members of my family, friends and I have spent a considerable amount of time either walking the dogs on the leash or duckshooting during the game bird season at the lagoon.

We shoot from a Mai Mai on the outside of the lagoon loop facing the Māori Island so it is completely safe.

We have a good view up and down the lagoon, although, of the approximately 20 days we spent there between May and July we observed no other water craft on the lagoon except another duck shooter in a dingy on opening weekend and our own kayak which we used to set out and pull in decoys.

We shot from 6:30 am to 11:00am and 3:00pm until dark on the Saturday and Sunday of opening.

We harvested Mallard duck, Paradise duck and Black swan from the lagoon over the two days and it is over these two days of the year that the majority of the harvesting is done.

On the remaining 18 days approximately we spent of the game bird season we shot the lagoon from 7:30am to 10:00am and 4:00pm until dark and on some occasions harvested gamebirds but on the majority of the days we fired no shots and harvested no birds.

We accessed our Mai Mai from the Rowing club end, either through the gate and walk track or through the Sutherlands Vineyard with their permission.

All the Mai Mai's or suitable shooting spots on the lagoon can also be accessed via a row boat from the main road or Māori Island Road. When walking on the walk track or removing out shotguns from the vehicle they were always carried in a zip lock gunbag and not removed from that bag or loaded until at our shooting location as is mandatory in the firearms code. At the times that we were there the walk track had very few people using it and the few that we did encounter were polite and supportive of the lagoon having multiple recreational uses. We did encounter a couple with negative views to the duckshooting, however there will always be a small amount of self opinionated people who go about their business in life with out others challenging or expressing their views but whom always like to tell others how to go about theirs, so we were very polite and took their views into consideration.

Historically in a dry year the lagoon does attract a lot of gamebirds and prior to the start of duckshooting this year I did a couple of walks around the walk track to look at the bird numbers. The walk track and foot bridge was covered in a lot of droppings due to the high number of Paradise duck and swan however this problem was significantly reduced after the opening of duckshooting which highlights one of the benefits of keeping numbers at a reasonable level which benefits the other users of the track. Prior to the walk track opening at the lagoon the main recreational use of the lagoon was gamebird harvesting and has been since European settlers arrived and harvested grey duck and Paradise Shellduck and black Swan for food. I there fore personally, and for the benefit of others and future generations would like to see gamebird harvesting continue to be allowed in the new management plan for the Grovetown Lagoon.

Murray Warburton.

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1. How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

once every week / fortnight

2. How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

walking the dog, bird watching and in the summer we go swimming in the Waikanae by the Rowing club

Feedback & suggestions on Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve management plan

3. What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

Its Proximity to town makes it a really accessible recreation area. I love seeing the planting and the regeneration of the natural habitat.

4. What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

The flood protection work and weed control work organised and managed by MDC needs to align with the recreational use of the lagoon. ~~As~~ In our experience these two uses are a little at odds.

5. Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Kids would love to see a rope swing in the big eucalyptus half way around the track ☺ Your improvement and efforts to date are fantastic!

6. Other comments:

With the new principal at Grovetown school it would be great to get the kids more involved in the restoration and information panels etc...

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?

Daily I live on the island

How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?

We can only use the lagoon 9 months of the years as the other three are unsafe because of duck shooting. But in that time we walk with friends when they visit, picnic with kids and canoeing

What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?

I love everything about the Grovetown lagoon I love it so much I moved here but.....but for 3 months when it's duck shooting season all the birds disappear, pellets land on my house roof as people are shooting directly towards my property, I have friends with kids that won't visit me during these months. Everyone who walks the track are putting their life at risk so I know many don't use it during this time. There are probably only 5 shooters shooting here now,

What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Other comments

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wreaking it for 100s of family's wanting to walk the track during these months.

CRAZY PEOPLE With guns in a public space, someone will got shot here it's just a matter of time.

Duck shooters shooting from boats and the same walking track that the public use. What are you thinking letting this carry on ??

Make it safe for family's and stop all duck shooting so the birds stay here and it's good for everyone.

I am writing this letter on behalf of my Father, Brothers, Sons, Grandsons and all of those many friends that have spent time with us at Maori Island enjoying the harvest of the many game birds available at our beautiful place. My history of this area goes back many years. I first went duck shooting at Maori Island with my father. I was about 6 years old. That was 49 years ago. I still remember this day like it was yesterday. I was tired as I had not slept the night due to excitement for the day. This feeling still happens now 49 years later. Those days our whanau shot on the island facing North. Since then we have changed to shoot South.

My brother being older than me can recall being there with my father in earlier years before I was able to go. Dad shot ducks with a guy called Peter Bishell. Brother Colin remembers on opening morning Manny Macdonald would come around all of the Mai Mais and Collect 2 birds for koha for the use of the land. Those days there were huge amounts of ducks. Mostly the Grey duck, Mallard and Swan.

Over the years there have been many changes to our regions wetlands and farm land. The most notable change being the takeover of land by the grape industry. With this change the birds have had to adapt. The lack of cropping has changed the ducks and their environment. The Greys have cross bred with the Mallard and the Paradise duck has started to become more and more prevalent due to the lack of Crops compared to years ago. Swans are still about in huge numbers. In the province we have a huge amount of geese starting to breed up very quickly. It is only time that these birds move further inland. Maori Island is in the middle of Wairau which is an obvious place to roost out of the weather and feed during the day.

I notice that on the proposed information that there is no mention of duck shooting. Last couple of years the new walking track has been in use while we have been shooting. Not an ideal situation when you are trying to call ducks in and there are people walking around the track. Although very safe as we shoot facing South and the track is behind us and we can see both ways. We also put up notices letting everyone know the situation. Although we feel it is still very safe to shoot there and are willing to share this area. In this situation it would be a lot better if the track was closed for the day, weekend, week or to be fair why not a month. The month of May would give those shooters hunting there now a fair go. There are plenty of beautiful places in this area and our province to stretch the legs or ride their bike without interrupting the harvesting of Mahinga kai. We are of Maori descent with Ngati Rarua and Ngai Tahu as our Iwis. Hunter gatherers. We also hunt wild pigs and deer with many years of experience with dogs, guns and gun safety.

We do appreciate the work the organisation has done to enhance the Lagoon. It was getting in a very poor state and the environment definitely needed it. We would like to see Fish and Game work closely with the organisation and start some breeding enhancement programs to get the duck numbers back to where they were pre vineyard dominance. I would also like to see plantings of natural duck food.

Fish and Game should be able to help with this program as well.

This awesome place is there for ALL to enjoy the way our Tipuna intended it for. I am sure my grandson Lucas would like the opportunity to hunt the same grounds his Greatgrandfather did 60 years before him. Duck shooting is not just a walk in the park for us. It is a tradition, an activity that holds lots of history, and a very important time of year to harvest kai.

Naku te raurau
Nau te raurau
Ka ora te iwi

With what you have to offer
What we have to offer
Together we can make this a wonderful place for ALL

Naku Noa
Gary Timms

Linda Craighead-7656

From: Louise Hide <
Sent: Monday, 20 September 2021 7:14 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Subject: Grovetown Lagoon Submission.

Kai Ora

I wish to put my thoughts forward on the proposed changes to Grovetown Lagoon.

I have been game bird hunting on the lagoon for over 30 years and have spent a lot of time there harvesting food for my family as well as sharing a great experience with family members and friends.

Over the years it has been a great place to take young hunters to learn to hunt safely as the access to the hunting stands is relatively easy and there are not a lot of places like this in the Marlborough area.

I have taught both my sons and some of their friends safe hunting and life experiences that none of us will ever forget. Both my sons now have young children and it is my hope that I would be able to take the next generation to the lagoon for their first hunting experience.

With travel restrictions this season due to Covid 19 neither of my sons were able to return home for opening weekend this year. However I helped a friend build a new stand facing into the island as my own stand faces outwards which isn't the best option now with the walking track close by.

The new stand is in a far safer position and it allowed for my friend to bring his young son and his father in law out for their first hunting experience and it was wonderful to see the three generations together .

All safety guidelines were followed with guns transported in bags,dogs kept on leash unless retrieving and hunting times set for us followed.

It would be a shame to lose this area to for hunting ,while we can only take a few birds each year there are now many places due to change in land usage that are now unavailable for hunters in Marlborough.

The lagoon will always be a special place for my youngest son and I as we took his school mate for many years each opening weekend there and at at other times. Sadly he was killed in a forestry accident four years ago but these times are very special to us. We have many happy memories of our hunting days there over this time.

Fish and Game put a lot of time and effort locally and nationwide to assist hunters and the licenses that hunters purchase help with this.

As a responsible hunter I am more than willing to work with Fish and Game and the lagoon committee so this pastime can continue in a safe and successful way for all users.

Thanks you for all your time and consideration .The lagoon can be a great asset for the whole community .

Regards.

Nick Hide.

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	When we talk the dogs and also during the duck hunting season.
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	We use it every weekend almost for duck hunting during the duck hunting season and when we take the dogs for a walk during the off season.
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	Shooting the birds during game season, and also taking the dogs for a walk and swim.
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	I have non
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?	Keeping the duck hunting alive during the season so the ducks don't over run the lagoon
Other comments	
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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	Annually during Duck Hunting Season
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	For Duck Hunting
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	Close to home, nice clean lagoon, and great for my young family to come along
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	Unknown future for hunters to enjoy like the have for many years.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?	Cater for all to enjoy including hunters
Other comments	Grovetown Lagoon submission. Over the last few years friends, family and I have enjoyed Grovetown Lagoon for the purpose of Gamebird Hunting. I have not long built a new Mai Mai on the outside of the

walking track with a friend Nick Hyde who has been shooting the lagoon for years before me We were told his Mai Mai was no longer going to be able to be used as the walking track now cuts a little to close for comfort. It is a shame as Nicks Mai Mai was a fantastic spot.

This season just gone we spent almost the entire opening weekend in the Mai Mai, the dogs were zonked, and my 7 year old was grinning with pride with the weekends bag, never stopped bragging about it for weeks.

I joined the NZ Army when I was 17 as an Infantry soldier and left when I was 30. During those 13 years firearms were my tools, and I for one can certainly say my firearms are always kept safe, and handled with the upmost of care.

I would love for Gamebird access to be continued on Grovetown Lagoon, even if it is limited to certain days/times. I remember when I grew up the one thing I wanted most was to go hunting with Dad, due to locations being unsafe for young ones, it never happened...

please consider the continuation of Gamebird Hunting on Grovetown Lagoon, if not for me then for my boy and hopefully in the future my boys boy...

Thank you
Riki Offord.

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	Occasionally
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	Walking and helping with native tree plantings
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	Observing the variety of wetland bird species and watching the native planting work develop into a native forest.
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	No concerns.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?	Continue with weed control and planting native species.
Other comments	Being a fish and game councillor, I would like to see duck hunting continue in the Grovetown Lagoon managed carefully by Fish and Game so that hunters using the Lagoon hunt with safety being the number one priority.

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? Generally twice a week

How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? I like to walk around it for exercise. I also volunteer with the Wetland Warriors on a Wed.

What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? I enjoy walking beside the water and being able to walk in nature.

What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? I have strong concerns about duck shooting continuing to be allowed so close to a public walkway on public land!!!! I cannot understand how/why this continues!!! I also have come across many dogs off lead and recently had 1 jump up on me. There are currently 2 small signs with no signage on the bigger boards as to status of dogs.

Do you have any suggestions about improving the More signage.

Grovetown Lagoon area?

Remove duck shooters.

Other comments

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	Mostly once a week
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	Volunteer
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	Serenity, the river, mahi with others
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	Off leash dogs. Duck shooting and rubbishy maimais being built
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?	Maybe better signs regarding dogs on leash. There has been an issue with people bagging their dog poo and the dropping it by the track or biffing it down the bank.
Other comments	For some reason elderly gentlemen on e bikes have to ride the track at speed. Surely there should not have to be signs asking cyclists to be considerate.

Please upload any supporting documentation for your submission

Submission for the management of the Grovetown Lagoon.

With the development of vineyards, the draining of the wetlands and general land development there are less places to hunt Game Birds.

The season is only short and before breeding season.

The Grovetown Lagoon has been used, in Game Bird season, to harvest game birds for a lot longer than it has been used as a walk track.

I see no reason why it cannot be a continued multipurpose recreational area for all to enjoy the area for its multi purposes.

With the fantastic management from Fish & Game all license holding hunters were able enjoy opening day and the successive days thereafter.

I appreciate that the shooting of game birds may not be for everyone (thank goodness) however for those of us that do enjoy it I see no valid reason to remove this site from the accessibility list.

I feel that allowing the bird numbers to be controlled by harvesting for food is far more considerate than any poisoning program that would be the alternative to manage numbers.

When my children attended Grovetown School they were part of the planting program to enhance the area.

In conclusion, I feel that the way the lagoon area is being currently managed is very successful for everyone that has an interest in using the area without any change.

Thank you,

Regards Gloria Warburton.

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	Our group cycles around the Grovetown Lagoon about three times a month. Members also often walk in the area about twice a month as well. We have about 25 members.
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	Many of our cyclists are in their 70s and 80s and there are limited areas suitable for them to ride around Blenheim. Our Geriatric group often cycles around the Lagoon as it is easily accessible from Blenheim by using the cycle/walkways beside State Highway 1. This keeps our members well away from busy roads and fosters physical and mental well being, and reduces social isolation.
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	We enjoy the beautiful, peaceful environment and also the increasing number of bird varieties returning to the Lagoon. It is also great to see the healthy growth of all the native plants that have been reintroduced to the Lagoon area.

What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?

The ongoing weed and pest control, maintenance of the tracks, must be a big responsibility for the Grovetown Lagoon volunteers to find the money and the time to administer the project. It would be great if the Marlborough District Council could take over the long term maintenance of this valuable asset for the future enjoyment of the Marlborough Public and also visitors/tourists to the area. It is also concerning that seasonal shooting is still allowed beside a public walkway/cycle way at the Lagoon. The maimais are a bit of an eyesore as well and are a blight amongst the beautiful native plants on the waters edge.

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

It would be great if the cycle/walkway could be upgraded so that muddy areas and large puddles were a thing of the past, and the track was weather resilient.

A board walk through the swamp area would be an interesting future project.

Other comments

Our cycling group members often attend Working Bees at the Lagoon to help plant the trees and shrubs native to the area. This helps give them the incentive to care for this area in a personal way.

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Submission Details

How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? Several times a year
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? Walking and bird watching - Generally enjoying the environment and peace and quite
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? Close to town - Lots of wildlife - Easy walk with plenty to see - Something different every time
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? Duck shooters!!! I cannot believe that duck shooting takes place in this area where such a lot of work has taken place to make it a better environment for wildlife. It is a totally inappropriate activity for this environment. It is a place for families and the community not for people to shoot ducks.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area? Banning duck shooting and removal of the rubbish that has been left behind by these people. Make it a wildlife reserve

Other comments

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as a sanctuary for wildlife on the Wairau Plain. More interpretive signs.

Thank you to all of the people who have put in such a fantastic effort to make this place available to the public.

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	about once a month
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	Walk around the lagoon, enjoying watching the wildlife.
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	all of the wild life that is present on the lagoon year round. There is always something to look at every time you walk around.
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	That there will be duck shooting occurring at the lagoon that will mean the wildlife is decreased and the lagoon would have to be closed for a period while duck shooting was taking place.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?	install some more picnic areas so that families can bring the kids and a picnic blanket and enjoy watching the wildlife.
Other comments	

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	Once a week
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	walking/biking sometimes accompanied by grandchildren
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	the bird life, being able to see different types of birds, easy trail for children to navigate, huge learning opportunity for children, it's close to town, easily accessible in all weather, nice and quiet
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	With duck shooting season the lagoon may be closed for up to 3 months, it would significantly decrease the wildlife I go there to enjoy.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?	nice grassy area near the water to picnic with the grandchildren, a type of jetty, floating platform giving easier access to the water, move the bird observation structure to

a better place for better assess for bird watching. Raise the track in a couple of places where it is very low and floods in a rain event. Vegetation is blocking the view of one of the large wooden seats, and one large wooden seat is placed on a grassy area away from the water and has no views !

This is a brilliant nature reserve which we enjoy on a weekly basis.

Other comments

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? A couple of times a week
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? Running, walking, cycling, dog walking and nature observing.
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? The peace and quiet and having a great place in grovetown to exercise as a family
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? That access continues to be all year and it is maintained as a public space open to all.
Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area? It would be great to get rid of the willows.
Other comments
Please upload any supporting documentation for your submission

Linda Craighead-7656

From: leticia and david <
Sent: Thursday, 23 September 2021 6:29 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Subject: re: feedback on Grovetown Lagoon

Hi

My family visits the Grovetown Lagoon every couple of months, so about 6 - 7 times a year. We take our children, and sometimes friends, and walk around the lake, have a picnic, and check out the wildlife. We're normally there for a couple of hours each time and we all love it.

The work that has been undertaken at the Grovetown Lagoon is just incredible - adding so much community and environmental value through plantings and walkways, trapping of pests, and the provision of habitat for the diverse range of wildlife now to be found there.

We particularly enjoy bird watching, the lagoon water vistas, the regenerating plantings, and the peaceful surrounds.

We really appreciate and support the work being undertaken.

Our main concern is about duck shooting at the lagoon. We were walking around the lagoon one afternoon (at 3pm) and two duck shooters showed up and starting taking pot shots at ducks on the lagoon. Their dogs were off the leash.

It was duck shooting season but the hunters were right on the path and who knows where the stray bullets were going to end up? We felt extremely vulnerable. It seemed really dangerous for us, our children, and any other walkers out there. We quickly left and we no longer visit the lagoon at all during duck shooting season.

How does duck shooting align with the conservation goals for the lagoon? All the other wildlife took off when the shooting started. It would seem the conservation efforts at the lagoon to protect the birdlife are directly at odds with shooting.

Also dogs aren't selective. And why can the hunters have their dogs off the leash when other users have to have them on the leash?

We don't think duck shooting should be allowed at the lagoon at all. However, if it must continue, how can it be managed to make it safe for other users, and minimise the impact on other birdlife?

kind regards

Leticia Dodson and David Wilson

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How often do you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon?	4 or 5 times a year
How do you use Grovetown Lagoon?	We walk the loop.
What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon?	It is a special area close to Blenheim. Lovely to walk and enjoy. I used to shoot ducks there 20 or so years ago and I am impressed by the work that has gone into improving the area .
What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon?	My main concern is that they retain the area for duck shooters. It is a recreational area that is great for walking, riding bikes, watching wildlife, or just sitting down relaxing. So with such a diverse use all year round, I feel the current status should remain ,for allowing duck shooting.

Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area?

Other comments

Please upload any supporting documentation for your submission

The current signage is stating shooting May to July, mostly early morning. That should be fine and allow more people to use this lovely asset.

Also allows for gathering of ducks to eat and also keep the population down.

Other wise ducks will be a foot deep come duck shooting season if shooting is barred.

Maybe a few picnic tables .

An outstanding job has been done.

Being a keen walker I will use this area more over the summer months.

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GROVETOWN LAGOON

My association started at the "Island" in 1967 as a boy excited beyond words. I know it was May because that's when Duck Shooting season started.

Back then the island as it was affectionately named, became a place where fore the next 50 odd years our family has primarily harvested our supply of ducks for the year.

My father, myself, 2 brothers, uncles, grandchildren and various assortments of mates have shot with us. At one stage we had 2 Mai mai's and seven shooters. In those days it was a mecca for wild fowl. Also while there we would put in a Hinaki Herehere and secure a feed of Tuna (Eels). Commercial eeling has taken place over the years while we have been there.

There were more than 20 Mai mai around the whole loop, where-ever you could find a spot someone would put one. We accessed our Mai mai from the Urupa side which meant walking around outside of the paddock as it either had corn or potatoes in it. Then we changed sides and now access through private land. We can now drive to our Mai mai.



Shooting limits have gone from no limit to 8 per person.

We think the walking track is a fabulous addition to the Marlborough Walking tracks and we look forward to being able to take our grand-children to enjoy the walking track plus go duck-shooting as we have over the last 50 years.

We have shot there 2 years now with the track a stone lobe from our Mai mai. People certainly get a fright when they are not prepared for a shotgun going off. It doesn't deter people, I have put up signs each end of our h warning and advising people that we are shooting.



Imagine we are all camouflaged hiding in our Mai mai's expectantly waiting for ducks to come, when along comes mum pushing a pram with 2 young kids tagging along with the dog, talking and laughing and having a great time as they should, not conducive to Duck-shooting by any means.

In all seriousness would it not make sense to close the walkway over the shooting season or at least Opening weekend. To give those shooters that are still here a fair go.

Kind regards

Colin Timms



Linda Craighead-7656

From: Penny Wardle
Sent: Thursday, 23 September 2021 8:41 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Subject: Grovetown Lagoon feedback

From Penny Wardle,

How often you (or your family) use or visit Grovetown Lagoon? About once a month. It is an ideal walk to do with my 89-year-old mother – easy terrain but in an exciting and constantly changing natural environment. I have also taken a young girl I used to mentor there regularly. For her it was a calming and interesting place.

- How do you use Grovetown Lagoon? Mostly for walking with my elderly mother and visiting with a child I used to mentor. I have also biked out there with friends and around the track. It is a good distance from town. In the past I have gone to the open days when kayaks were on offer

- What are the things that you enjoy about Grovetown Lagoon? The best thing has been watching the massive improvements in every aspect since I was first involved (when the Trust was formed). It was so hard to imagine back then that the circuit track and bird-watching hide would be built and all land tenure issues sorted. Pests are being trapped, weeds controlled, plants propagated, there are wonderful information signs and opportunities for people in the community to help out. The Grovetown Lagoon offers something new every time you visit – the surprise of the spoonbills, kingfishers, kararearea. The community of helpers should be so proud of what they have achieved, with excellent project vision and planning. I love the new curvy bridge/boardwalk

- What are your concerns about Grovetown Lagoon? Perhaps it would be good for the Lagoon if there was more through-flow, although I am not an expert on this.

- Do you have any suggestions about improving the Grovetown Lagoon area? It would be good to see iwi whanau actively involved, especially tamariki, koroua and kuia. I'd like to see young people from the Rowing Club having to volunteer as part of their membership.

Well done everyone. Your vision and work is much appreciated.

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Linda Craighead-7656

From: miranda chaytor <miranda.chaytor@xtra.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 1 October 2021 3:18 p.m.
To: Grovetown Lagoon
Subject: Fwd: Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan

Hello Justine

We had a quick phone chat late late week regarding a submission regarding the Grovetown lagoon Reserve Management Plan.

My apologies I have been away on holiday since then. Before I left I emailed in my submission but it appears there was some glitch and you may not have received it, so I am resending it with this email.

Very best wishes.

Kind regards

Miranda Chaytor

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Miranda <miranda.chaytor@xtra.co.nz>
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 > Date: 27 September 2021 at 01:53

> Subject: Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Reserve Management Plan

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> Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon is a beautiful natural wetland used for public recreational enjoyment and is also a very significant Marlborough cultural place.

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> It has become increasingly popular for recreational uses including walking, biking, kayaking and observing nature, particularly birds and indigenous plants and trees.

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> This lagoon area has been greatly enhanced over the past decade or more by a very active, positive and skillful group of supporters.

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> My wish is that this particularly special area continues to be preserved and enhanced for the peaceful recreational use of the public plus for cultural usage including food harvesting and the sourcing of flax for weaving.

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> My main concern is that I understand there has been some duck shooting occurring in the past at the Grovetown Lagoon and even presently in this publicly accessible recreational reserve.

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> My view is area that is no longer an appropriate place for shooting as it now is a popular place for quiet, safe recreational enjoyment of its natural environment.

> Also it would seem extremely hazardous and even contrary to the spirit and perhaps letter of Health and Safety regulation to continue allow shooting in what has become a very well established and well used public recreational area.

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> I congratulate those involved in maintaining and enhancing this beautiful and peaceful lagoon.
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> Miranda Chaytor
> Email
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> Sent from my iPhone

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