

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As an initiative from the Geraldine Domain Management Plan, a Development Plan has been produced by Landscape Architects incorporating extensive public consultation. The Development Plan identifies opportunities for the future of Geraldine Domain including guidelines for planting, playground area upgrade, open space network continuity, vehicle access and parking.

Personal interviews and survey questionnaires were completed by special interest groups and the community of Geraldine, to draw out local community values and clarify specific issues pertaining to the Domain. The process was publicised in the local community news and key dates advertised through further publications and displays.

Landscape Architects compiled and analysed the survey responses, and resolved an initial Draft Concept. This Draft was displayed in Geraldine and discussed at an open public meeting, leading to refinement of the Concept to a working Development Plan.

The key issues for the Domain identified by the consultation process and addressed in the Development Plan are:

- ◇ Planting / Tree framework of entire Domain area - existing trees are complemented with further planting. The health of trees and planted areas is managed whilst maintaining sportsground use, and visual links between areas are maintained and reinforced.
- ◇ Upgrade of playground and area between swimming pool and Hislop Street - revised play equipment, seating with summer shade, improved toilet facilities and a water feature are examples suited to increase the enjoyment of the area for children, parents and visitors. Improvements around the Memorial gates include roadway treatments, an event space and a map sign.
- ◇ Connection & continuity - a more logical flow of paths and connections define clear movement throughout the Domain. Accessways provide linkages and orientation points. The network of Geraldine open space is also linked more strongly together with key plantings.
- ◇ Circulation and access - pedestrian use of the Domain is given priority and vehicle access into the Domain grounds beyond carparks is discouraged. Emergency and essential service vehicles access is maintained.

- ◇ Vehicle parking – vehicle circulation is improved to encourage safe pedestrian movements and carparks are interspersed with trees for shade. Parking is more clearly defined with increased capacity.
- ◇ History / community identity – includes a need for an arboricultural management program, and the role of the Domain in education such as with low-maintenance tree identification plaques.
- ◇ Waterway treatment - enhancement for Serpentine Creek includes reprofiling and planting of selected areas of creek banks, to increase accessibility by people, and provide for long term flood events.

A wealth of information has been contributed by user groups (including sports groups) and the wider community, testimony to direct public participation in the planning of the Domain. The Plan illustrates this vision for future development of the Domain within the larger context of the Geraldine town environment, and in conjunction with the Geraldine Domain Management Plan provides value for the consideration of development proposals and resource allocation.

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INTRODUCTION

This report outlines the process undertaken and consequent results to produce the 1998 Development Plan for Geraldine Domain, by Morgan Pollard & Associates.

The Geraldine Domain Management Plan (1997) by Timaru District Council sets out the objectives and policies for the future management of Geraldine Domain. The Development Plan and Report inclusive of extensive community consultation were commissioned by the Council and Geraldine Community Board, as an initiative from the Management Plan. Our methodology for the Development Plan process appears in the Appendices.

We have focussed on the importance of Geraldine Domain as a prominent example of cultural landscape. The Domain is a park for people, with many diverse uses enjoyed there. The existing memorial plantings, recreation areas, formal gardens, traveller's accommodation, and sports grounds clearly show local endeavour and pride. Thus the Domain is integral to the identity of Geraldine, of great significance to the townspeople and reflects local community values.

A values-based approach has been taken to the Development Plan, to recognise qualities and facilities that are popular and desired further by the community, as well as elements less-utilised. By enlisting community response we have accumulated an extensive cross-section of local feeling to be incorporated into the Plan.

We received 76 initial survey responses followed by 21 feedback replies on concept proposals, to supplement our open public meeting discussion and interviews. Recurring issues emerged throughout our survey and research process, indicating to us that we have achieved a good level of representativeness of community feeling. We believe the community is expressing priorities for change, whilst maintaining the integrity of the Domain as a significant civic landmark.

The Development Plan illustrates improvements to address the issues raised by community consultation and outlined in this Report. Locations are identified and recommendations made for Domain development. The Plan therefore provides a clear basis for facilitating further detail design and management of the Domain

The Plan also provides guidance for prioritising resource allocation to Domain development, and carries through the objectives and policies of the Management Plan. We recommended revisiting the Development Plan process after a 10 year period.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROCESS

INITIAL RESPONSES / DOMAIN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We carried out a broad initial assessment of the landscape of Geraldine Domain and interviewed a number of local people to begin formulating an initial picture of this popular resource. A questionnaire was compiled and distributed, and further interviews undertaken to cover a wide spectrum of special interest groups associated with the Domain.

Our objective was to identify community values and priorities with regard to potential development for the Geraldine Domain. A copy of the questionnaire appears in the Appendices, as does a complete tabulation of responses received.

The responses showed us a picture of how the Geraldine Domain is used, and also how it is perceived in more aesthetic terms as a place to be in, and a place that is a part of the identity of Geraldine. We have learned that the Domain functions as an important venue for both the social and recreational life of the town. It is also clear that the Domain offers many levels of recreation in the fullest sense of the word i.e. it is a place where people recharge emotionally and spiritually as well as taking care of their physical well being. It is a place for peace and quiet, and a place for memories and reflection. It is a place for all ages, and has special opportunities for families and children. It is also accessible to people of varying levels of mobility (although not in all parts).

The questionnaires also elicited a lot of valuable specific information about possible site improvements and ideas for design of gardens and structures.

RESPONSES SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the survey responses and personal interviews, and represents views from a range of age groups with the exception of the under 20 age group (three respondents).

Comments are summarized and listed in descending order, based on frequency of mention. This data along with information collected from interviews provides the basis for the consultant's comments, which follow at the end of each question section.

Question 1. "What part of the Domain do you like to walk in?"

Along the pathways (including along the creek)
All areas
Under the trees
Around the oval area
In the rose gardens

Consultants comments:

The pathways are well used, and also a high number of respondents' walk in "all areas".

People with limited mobility may be restricted to sealed pathways, while more able-bodied people can walk around the entire Domain.

Walking from either end and throughout the Domain is a distinctive activity.

The trees are significant in enhancing the walking experience.

Most favoured areas are all on the north side of the park.

No one specifically mentions the back fields as a nice place to walk.

“Tell us about your favourite part”.

The Oval
The Trees
The Pathways
All areas
Swimming pool area
The Rose Gardens

Consultants comments:

References to the Oval and the Trees stand out as favourite parts of the Domain. In spatial terms these are the two features that create the setting – the clearly defined central space and strong framework of mature trees outlining the perimeters. These spatial features also create an image that has become associated with the visual character of Geraldine as a town.

Other areas of the Domain are mentioned less frequently as favourite parts, and we feel these areas have correspondingly less integrity in form. This suggests that any future planting could echo similar boldness in design to make an impact, and ultimately stand the test of time.

Question 2. “Which areas do you find most useful?”

The Sportsfields
The Oval
The Playground
The Pavilion
Swimming Pool
Netball courts
All areas
Tennis courts
Picnic areas
Bowling greens

Consultants comments:

Comments typically related “usefulness” to specific sporting interests, but it is also interesting to note that more qualitative elements such as shade, space, and quietness were included in this category. Walking paths, grassed areas under trees, and seating for spectating are also mentioned as useful. A significant number of people indicate that participation in the activities held at the Domain includes spectating and other more passive activities like walking.

We reiterate that all levels of recreation at the Domain are enhanced by the setting.

“Which areas do you feel are under utilised?”

No areas under utilised
Playground area
The Oval
Areas around the bowling club (between oval and bowling club,
sunny side of bowling club)
The Pavilion
The Swimming Pool
The Backfields and Huffey St. Fields
Picnic areas and garden areas
Hislop Street.

Consultants comments:

In some instances comments refer to specific management issues e.g. full use of oval and pavilion facilities – “the Pavilion does not have much use during the week”.

Some management concerns extend beyond the scope of this study, however there are aesthetic and functional issues raised that affect the amenity value of areas. Amenity value is high for many Domain facilities, and we believe usage would increase by adding further amenity value.

We feel a priority is emerging to improve the playground/swimming pool area, especially considering visual aspects and integration of the whole Domain. Many comments also refer to the associated central gardens/ picnic/ Hislop St areas as “stark and bare”. Since this is the most intensively used area, it would be appropriate to consider upgrading.

Question 3. "Can you easily get to wherever you need to go to in the Domain?"

Mostly people have no problem with access

Some difficulty is experienced with access between the courts and Pavilion

Access road in from Huffey Street is poorly maintained

Access from Wright St. could be better especially in winter.

Consultants comments:

While the majority of people indicate that they do not experience any difficulty with access to the Domain, several people noted that they would like to see more access/ parking in around by the netball court areas.

Comments indicate that the service lane into the courts area is poorly maintained (also noted by pedestrians and mobility scooter riders). The service lane avails access for cars to park along the margins of the sports fields for spectating. This highlights an issue of pedestrian enjoyment and safety, as well as an impact on plant health.

Some people specifically mention that there should be no vehicle access provided into the Domain, beyond essential service vehicles.

Pedestrian access between the Courts area and the Pavilion was also mentioned as difficult, especially when it was wet (muddy).

Visually all accessways could be improved.

Question 4. "Is there any part of the Domain that you dislike?"

The highest number of respondents say there is nothing they dislike.

Others mention:

The scruffy playground

The toilets (unsightly and unsafe)

The swimming pool area (particularly behind the pool and also the distracting mural

The Huffey Street Road frontage (including bleak area around pensioner flats)

The rose gardens are too shady (need more gardens)

Muddy areas from courts to Pavilion

Poorly drained sports fields

Muddy around athletics shed

Deep drain (unsightly and unsafe)

Too many different styles of gates/fences, walls etc. Lacks continuity.

Trees at the back of the Oval

Athletics track is too short.

Consultants comments:

The responses indicate that the amenity value of the park is high overall but there are specific elements that detract from the experience. Some of these desired improvements represent large scale works, while others are achievable in the short term.

Question 5. "Where do you park?"

PavilionWright St.Huffey StHislop St.Under the trees (playground area)

At the oval

Netball courts

"Would you like to see more of the Domain available for parking?"

None

At the netball courts area

At the Huffey St end

At the Oval

Make sure there is access for the disabled

Consultants comments:

Most people do not want to see any more parking in the domain, however the few comments that support more parking in the domain refer to the netball/Huffey street sports areas.

Some people want improvements to existing parking areas i.e., to reconfigure and clearly define areas and location.

Question 6. "Where would you like to see more planting in the Domain?"

The vast majority of people wanted to see more planting. A program of maintenance and successional planting of existing trees is considered to be important

Specific areas include:

Existing gardens and under trees on Hislop St.

Along Creek

At the Huffey Street end including around the pensioner housing.

Pavilion plantings

Screening and shelter planting around boundaries of fields

Swimming pool area

Screening of buildings and courts area

Around the oval

- (Although comments about no planting near bowling club)

Consultants comments:

Most people expressed a wish to see more planting.

A significant number of comments referred to an appreciation of colourful seasonal displays and flower gardens.

Some people mentioned that they would not like to see natives planted in the Domain (we feel this may be because natives are seen as less colourful). On the other hand, some people expressed an interest in having native plantings, and see the Serpentine Creek as a logical natural link to Talbot Forest.

“Where in the Domain would you like to see more commemorative structures or planting?”

More people favoured commemorative plantings than structures.

Suggestions for structures included:

Interesting sculptures (and sculptures for the children to play on)
A statue commemorating Trip/Acland/early Settlers (in the rose garden)

A bird Aviary

Gates to the oval need to connect to something (a structure)

Consultants comments:

It appears that there is a general acceptance of the idea that the Domain is associated with an expression of community history - “It is important to continue the legacy of our forefathers.”

However there were comments to show that people were weary of less imaginative gestures e.g. “Plaques near trees with sprayed edges” or “No more dead peoples corners”.

Perhaps original art installations (sculpture) may be a more appropriate and unique expression of Geraldine.

Some people had reservations about cluttering the park spaces with any more structures. To avoid compromising the sense of spaciousness, we feel any installations (planting or structures) should be implemented within the context of the entire Plan.

Question 7. "The Domain is the heart of Geraldine. Do you agree or disagree?"

32 Yes

19 Nos

Consultants comments:

The majority of respondents thought that the Domain was the heart of Geraldine, or that it could be with improvements. Others thought that if it was not the heart that it was at least a vital organ.

"What meaning does the Domain have for you?"

A pleasant place to be - relaxing, enjoying nature, peaceful, green open space

A place for sport and social activities, and relaxation,

A good place for children (the best entertainment area for kids)

A place for memories

A source of pride

A place seen by tourists and visitors

Consultants comments:

This question was intended to elicit personal experiences of the Domain users, and comments varied widely as was expected. Responses indicate people enjoy more about the Domain than sport alone, and that the recreational aspects that nurture the spirit are important and valued.

The Domain is also a social hub.

Some responses referred to observations of how other people (visitors) used the Domain, giving insight into how the Domain is perceived as a public face to the community.

“What elements of the Domain are special to you?”

Most commonly mentioned elements were the trees – large, established trees

The Oval

The Pavilion

The Garden Areas (including rose gardens)

All areas

Spaciousness

Individual sports areas

Consultants comments:

This is a more specific question that enables us to analyse actual features of the landscape that are important to people. While many of the comments focused on facilities that the person uses, we also surmise from the comments that the setting enhances a part of all these experiences.

The same elements are being stated as important to the total experience - these elements are associated with the unique identity of the Geraldine Domain.

Question 8. “What areas of the Domain are most used by visitors?”

Playground
Picnic areas
Sports areas
Swimming pool
Rose Garden and Garden areas off Hislop St
The Oval
The toilets

Consultants comments:

This question indicates how people perceive the town Domain, by thinking about it this time as through the eyes of a visitor. Answers to this question tend to avoid bias towards the individuals specific interest. We feel a lot can be learned by watching how other people interact in your environment – it sometimes draws attention to qualities that are very familiar and normally unnoticed.

While we acknowledge that towns people and visitors are likely to use the domain in different ways, it is also true that what benefits the townspeople will also benefit visitors and vice versa. There is recognition of the Domain as a public face of Geraldine, and awareness of some of the benefits of encouraging visitors to stop in the town.

The Domain is well used by visitors as a picnic and children’s exercise area, breaking the long journeys through Canterbury such as to Otago and Southland.

More people made observations about the activities of day visitors than overnight visitors (campground). This may be because the campground is perceived to be a distinct area from the Domain as a whole. However, the high number of comments that visitors use the swimming pool is possibly linked to visitors who are staying at the campground.

“What do visitors most enjoy about the Domain?”

The trees and shade under trees for picnicking
The setting - park like setting, English atmosphere
The garden areas and rose gardens
Convenient location for stopping (handy to food outlets, town etc.
Peaceful qualities
Sports areas and swimming pool
Everything

Consultants comments:

The facilities that the visitors most enjoy are enhanced by more qualitative factors (shade, quiet, convenience etc.). These comments reveal a little about what the people of Geraldine appreciate about the park also.

Question 9. “ With regards to recent improvements to the Geraldine Township Main Street and Waihi Riverside walkway, what improvements would you like to see in the Domain?”

The emphasis on making the connection to the Main Street and Riverside walkway improvements suggests that the Domain should be considered as a part of the whole town amenity infrastructure. Any proposed development in the Domain would be more appropriate if it were considered in this larger context.

We have compiled a “Wish List” to draw together the many suggested improvements:

Overwhelmingly a desire to improve or extend plantings and trees was expressed. Specific areas are mentioned, most commonly the Hislop St. and gardens areas (including rose gardens), and along the banks of the creek
General comments about plantings included:

Need more native plantings

Gardens need tidying up, cheering up, more colour, more seasonal display,

Need perennial gardens, need more gardens

Trees need tidying up, more specimen trees

Don't make the park cluttered.

Need more gardens along the road where visitors can see them.

Need more landscaping on boundaries.

Need Shelter for sports grounds

Planting needed in wet areas between courts and pavilion

Next highest area of concern was a perceived need to upgrade the playground area. Generally the playground is considered to be outdated and is unsafe. It is not perceived as an attractive area, and also needs more light shade areas for playing and watching (including more tables for parents nearby).

Other comments include:

It (the playground) needs less shade

A duck pond wading pool

More imaginative features

Safe fill

The swimming pool needs to be upgraded

Roofed and heated for year round use

Suitable for all ages

Creek needs to be improved

It is unsafe, underutilised, unsightly

Could benefit from more plantings

Remove concrete

Some even suggest covering the "open drain"

Connection and continuity

Don't see connection to main areas

No obvious flow of structures, paths, pathways

Some link or narrowing of Hislop St required connecting two parks

Lack of continuity in use of materials - don't like the main gates painted black, the timber fences does not compliment the gates, the wire fences are too open

" Three sets of gates looking lonely"

Less fussy logical flow of plantings

Expand the oval to make a 400m track

Maintain as it is

More picnic tables/BBQ areas/More seating/Lighting on walkways

More parking at bowling club area

Tea rooms somewhere around the oval

Oval developed as a top class cricket venue

Bench seats around oval

Pool and ducks

Keep areas open and undeveloped

Recognition of history

Buildings at netball area need to be tidied up

More funding for river maintenance/Funding for building upgrades

Consultants further comments:

A long list of suggested improvements was compiled. While there are many and varied desired improvements, there is clear agreement about certain areas needing some attention.

BROAD CONCLUSION

Along with information gleaned from personal discussions, an indication of priorities emerges to resolve the issues. Some suggested improvements can be categorised as large scale, and require high levels of funding. Others are relatively low cost and simple to achieve within the context of a development proposal.

Given a vision/plan for the future there is no reason why the grand schemes cannot be accomplished with community commitment, support, and time. On this basis the Draft Concept Plan was formulated.

DOMAIN DRAFT CONCEPT

The wealth of information contributed by the Geraldine community provided the genesis for a Draft Concept Design. Issues and ideas for improvements were used to develop guidelines for the proposed design layout, that was drawn up with some initial proposals and displayed in Geraldine for over 4 weeks. This graphic representation was intended to stimulate further community input, working toward resolution of the final Development Plan. Survey response forms were available throughout the display time to encourage ongoing community participation. Key elements of the Concept proposal are as follows:

Tree Framework is integral to the Domain as a landmark. The existing historical foundation trees are complemented with further groves and specimens for future generations to enjoy. The use of clear trunk trees and groundcovering plants maintain visual links between areas

Upgrading of playground would continue to be guided by New Zealand safety standards and Codes of Practice, as well as increasing the enjoyment of the area for parents, children, and visitors. Revised play equipment, seating with summer shade, improved toilet facilities and possibly an interactive water feature are examples suited to this upgrade

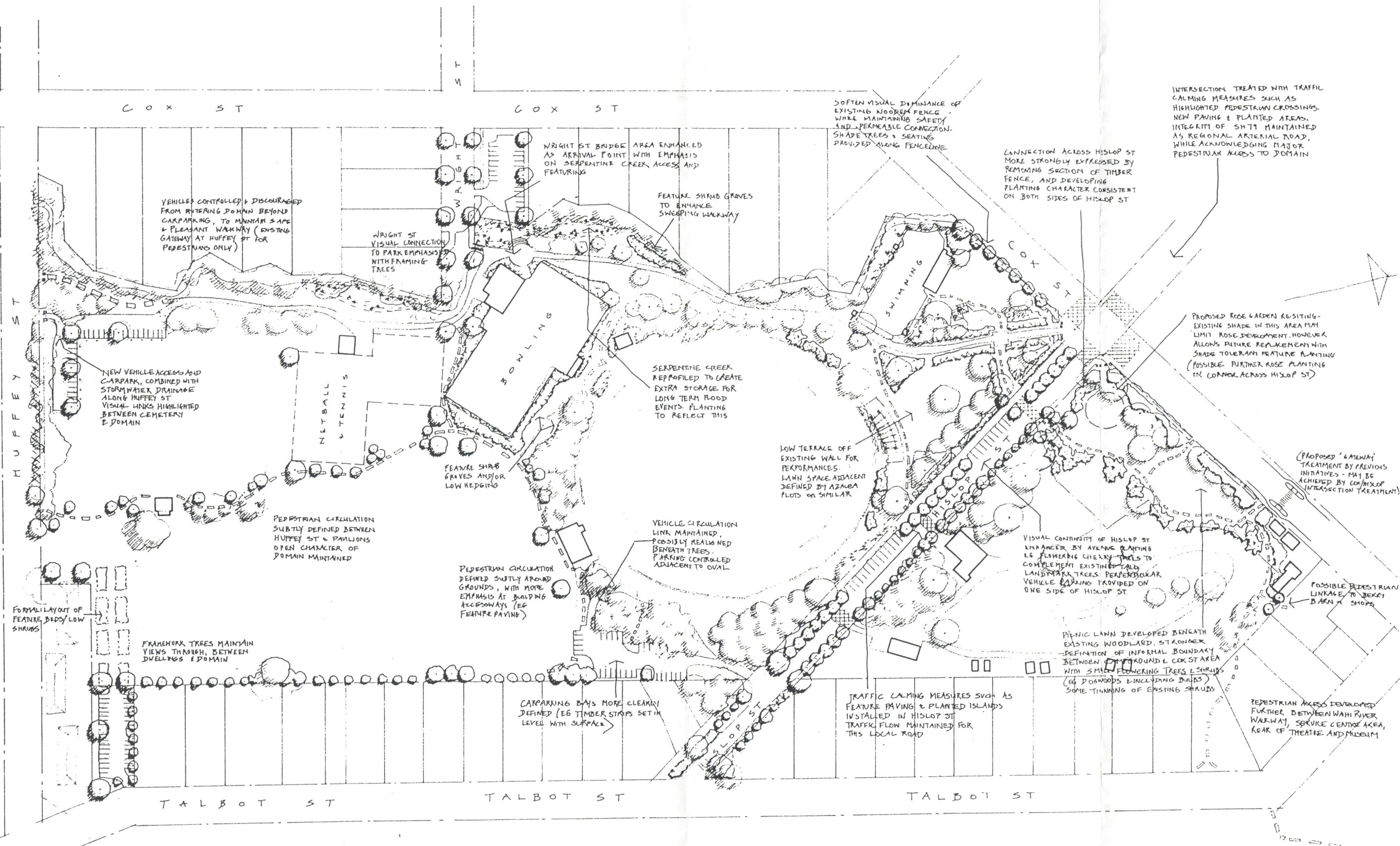
Circulation by people within the Domain is a strong design guideline, with accessways forming an important function to orientate people. Plantings are used to emphasise a more logical sequential flow from space to space throughout the entire domain

Reconfigured vehicle parking clearly defines car areas and people areas, improves vehicle circulation around carparks and encourages safe leisurely pedestrian movements. Attention is highlighted for management of the drainage swale along Huffey Street and improvement to starkness of carparks

A **Central focus** around the Memorial gates includes roadway treatments, an event space and a map sign. Due acknowledgement is given to the importance of this area, and activities are easily accessible within and out of this space

Linkage of Domain and other green spaces beyond improves the network of Geraldine open space, including nearby Huffey Street cemetery, Waihi River walkway and village business area.

Waterway Enhancement for Serpentine Creek includes reprofiling and planting of selected areas of creek banks. This aims to increase accessibility by people, provide for long term flood events and elevate the integrity of this important watercourse that is closely linked to the walking experience through the Domain.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / DISCUSSION SUMMARY

(30 September 1998)

An evening public meeting was held at the Domain pavilion to discuss the Draft Concept Plan. Modest attendance at this meeting did not diminish the quality of information contributed. Views expressed verbally echoed written submissions received, indicating that there is some representativeness of the wider community.

The objective of the meeting was to clarify what desires and priorities the Geraldine community has for the development of the Domain. Summaries of survey data and presentation of the Concept Plan preceded a discussion of broad issues. Valuable dialogue examined many aspects of the Domain, and was recorded. Much of the discussion reiterated priorities and design directives drawn from our initial research.

A discussion summary follows with broad issue headings. The Concept Plan proposals are noted in *Italics*, and were used to generate discussion:

▪ **Planting/ Tree Framework**

Trees are one of the most significant features, and are integral to the aesthetic quality of experience for many Domain users. Planting further groves and specimen trees is proposed to complement existing trees, and for future generations to enjoy. An arboricultural program is also recommended to maintain existing historical foundation trees.

The management of space around trees highlights the issue of vehicular access to the Domain. Cars cause compaction and leave residual pollutants which have a negative impact on plant health, including both trees and turf.

Issues of concern related to planting were raised:

- frost shadow on sports grounds
- shading of the tennis courts
- roots disturbing sports grounds (particularly bowling and croquet)
- low-allergenic trees for asthma sufferers
- maintaining 'spaciousness' of back fields
- having 'visual access' from the roads into Domain areas
- concern that planting to enhance walking paths would interfere with sports grounds
- there is too much shade in existing rose gardens (including Central Garden area between playground and Hislop St)

Planting proposals that have positive support from the community include:

- planting of small trees such as flowering cherries along the road frontage of playground, while maintaining views in to the area
- planting along Serpentine Creek, providing storm water management is not compromised. The west side of the Serpentine is preferable for planting where the need for visibility to the creek is required for safety
- Planting along Domain boundaries
- Planting shade trees in parking areas
- Planting for screening and sheltering of the tennis court areas.

Bedding plants have been discussed and compared with groups of low-height flowering shrubs and groundcovers, concurrent with the high maintenance cost for bedding displays.

▪ Hislop St / Swimming Pool Area / Playground Upgrade

This northern corner of the park is used intensively by townspeople and visitors. Many comments have referred to its dowdy and downgraded appearance. In the Concept a central focus around the Memorial gates includes roadway treatments to highlight the connection between both sides of Hislop Street. A central meeting area/orientation point with circulation map sign is proposed, and an event lawn for small public outdoor occasions.

There was strong support for the proposed upgrade to the playground area (revised play equipment, seating with summer shade, improved toilet facilities, and interactive water feature). In the course of discussion, specific comments/concerns related to the playground development include:

- visual access into the playground area – ‘open and seen is safety’
- shade trees with tables would be appreciated by those supervising play
- any equipment installed should not duplicate others available in the area
- reference has been made to successful designs in other parts of the country
- the existing tractor is widely regarded as a most favoured piece of equipment.

Water features have been discussed particularly with regard to safety and maintenance. In general it is agreed that it would be a good additional play feature providing many design issues are resolved.

The issue of parking under the trees in the swimming pool/central garden areas is also significant. The negative impact by cars on the health of trees and turf is clearly undesirable, and equally there are safety reasons to separate cars from parking close to children's play area. The feeling has been expressed that if more parking was carefully provided on Hislop Street the playground, swimming pool and Oval are in leisurely walking distance.

A note was made that it is important that Hislop Street maintains its function of traffic flow also accommodating trucks and larger vehicles such as campervans and towed caravans.

- **Connection and continuity**

Many comments have referred to the "bitsy" nature of the park citing different styles of fences, gates, paths, etc and a lack of clear connection between areas. While the trees provide the structure or "skeleton" of the Domain layout, there is a need for a more logical flow of paths throughout the Domain. Subcanopy plantings can be enhanced to create clear, sequential movement from area to area. Accessways to the Domain will provide orientation points, and define pedestrian and vehicular movements. An emphasis on clear trunks for trees and ground covering plants will maintain visual links between areas, while maintaining a sense of spaciousness in the Domain.

Further discussion of this aspect of park design and layout addressed the issue of continuity or pedestrian access through the 'Little Domain' (Rose Garden/ Campground Area):

There is some concern with lack of accessibility to the rose gardens area i.e. between Museum and Hislop Street. There is a strong perception that the campground dominates the rose garden, making visitors feel like they are intruding in the space. This is despite the fact that the gardens have recently been moved closer to the road frontage. This situation is not helped by the Speechley gates being difficult to open, and the lack of visual connection to the rest of the Domain across Hislop St.

The wooden fence bordering the campground at Hislop St. is unappealing and needs attention - possibly with plantings or vines. A stile was suggested as a possible addition. This fence is also effectively a physical separation between the two parks, that presently interrupts the continuity of the Domain. However it does function for campground security through some of its length, therefore a careful balance is necessary for the treatment of this area.

Some careful vegetative buffering at low height and density between the campground area and Cox Street would enhance the experience throughout these areas, whilst still providing for peak campground overflow.

The treatment of Huffey Street was discussed in relation to viewing sports from parking. Existing planting density could be altered to achieve visual access whilst maintaining a boundary planting framework. Additional planting on the cemetery side of Huffey Street could also offer some wind break function, as well as linking the Domain with another Geraldine green space. The Waihi River walkway may also be linked by planting continuity.

▪ **Circulation/Access/Parking**

The Domain is a facility to be available to all mobility levels – management is required to minimise conflict between cars and pedestrians

Generally there is a need to improve surfacing of circulation areas for pedestrian activities throughout the Domain, especially for mobility scooters and bicycles. Kerbing can also create a barrier to access if wheels are not provided for.

The existing situation of poor surfacing highlights the overuse of cars on lanes primarily for pedestrians.

Discussion about parking facilities has revealed a useage within the Domain around the netball /bowling club areas, that was not strictly permitted but had become habitual as people had found gates left open. On peak days there may be a shortage of parking in close proximity to these areas, however it is not a major concern to most able bodied people, who would readily walk the extra distance to these areas. Carefully placed signage and the associated upgrade of existing parking facilities are intended to alleviate this situation, particularly in Huffey Street and Wright St.

It is acknowledged as essential that emergency and service vehicles continue to have access, however general car access into the Domain is unnecessary.

The main Pavilion is a well patronised community venue, and as such warrants an improved access treatment of the building. The emphasis on this area would be as a drop off zone and safer pedestrian arrival to the building, providing a more gracious entry without precluding service vehicles

Formalising parking by marking bays is intended to reduce vehicle congestion at peak times, whilst providing for maximum number of vehicles. Parking would also be eliminated from the grass slopes of the oval.

No further night lighting of pathways is seen to be necessary.

- **History/Community Identity**

The Domain is a record of many historical events in Geraldine – what is done now will be equally treasured by future generations

An arboricultural program is required to accurately determine the condition of existing trees, both protected and existing otherwise. There are many prominent specimens not formally protected that are integral to the tree framework, and other groves that also convey distinctive character. A tree management plan within the context of the Development Plan would benefit preservation of tree framework while addressing maintenance for safety reasons.

Many people appreciate the Domain as an educational environment, for both natural and social history. The Domain is a venue for school and preschool nature walks, and tree identification is assisted in some cases by existing plaques.

Some improved techniques of commemorating events and providing education have been discussed, such as treatment of plaques and signage.

Careful attachment of identification signs to tree trunks like the Christchurch Botanic Gardens is one method, that also addresses the unsightliness of dead-sprayed edges, currently around plaques in grass surfaces. Signage indicating the location of named trees would also be an improvement.

Emphasising low levels of maintenance is a priority required by these projects, as well as awareness of potential vandalism.

- **Existing Facilities Maintenance/ Additional Facilities**

The Domain offers many levels of recreation and the demands of it are diverse

In addition to improvements suggested in the Concept plan and in the previously mentioned "Wish List", suggestions for facilities included:

Cricket group suggestion is to have a small 2-3 inch high ball stop fence incorporated into any new fencing or bollarding, particularly to the northwest of the back fields.

A project has also been proposed to provide a pair of hoops with backboards for teens to use for casual basketball. This would require a firm base and possibly marking, and possibly be sited related to the existing court facilities. The visual impact of further hard surfacing especially in the area of the Serpentine Creek walkway is an important issue however it is seen that there are not too many facilities catering for the teen group. The visual impact could be mitigated by good design of the overall space.

There was some discussion about the brick wall adjacent to the Oval, in the Central Gardens area. This wall retains the Oval slope through an arc around its north side, and did not appear to have a particular commemorative purpose. The Oval area previously contained a cycling velodrome, of which the wall may have supported.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONCLUSIONS

DEVELOPMENT PLAN KEY AREAS

Refinement of the Concept to the Development Plan is based on written submissions and feedback from the public meeting. The culmination of consultation data and research analysis has resulted in few major changes from initial Concept Plan. Particular refinements include:

- Parking reconfigured on Huffey Street, and vehicles limited from Domain
- Increased screening around the Main Pavilion
- Realignment of walkway through Little Domain towards Cox Street boundary
- Tree relocation in relation to sports activities

Development ideas were resolved to a greater level of detail. These are summarised as follows:

HUFFEY STREET END OF DOMAIN

- Vehicle parking defined along Huffey Street with angle parking (36 spaces) and improved management of storm water at edge of street
Recommended parking surface to be permeable to assist drainage e.g. gravel, rather than sealed with hard edges. This is to maintain a 'soft' edge to the Domain and assist the visual connection between Domain and cemetery
- Newly paved strips across Huffey Street highlight to drivers that pedestrians may be crossing
- Existing boundary planting selectively thinned to maintain tree framework and allow views of sports from parking
- Serpentine Creek to be improved with tidy up of banks and replanting of streamside species that do not interrupt creek flows
- Existing gate to be only for emergency and essential service vehicle access, and existing paved accessway maintained for all mobility levels

HOCKEY PAVILION AREA

- Carefully sited small trees complement the setting of renovated Hockey Pavilion
- Additional seating provided around existing trees and new planting
- Occasional and essential vehicle access may be controlled through existing gate opposite Pavilion
- Sheltered area created off end of Pensioner Flats for further seating or possibly a petanque court

PENSIONER FLATS / TALBOT STREET CARPARK

- New trees and shrub planting along eastern boundary of Back Fields to supplement existing trees
Planting density to provide screening of inappropriate structures while complementing existing planting treatments.
- Carefully sited trees maintain views from flats over Back Fields areas, while continuing character of fields boundary new planting
- Parking bays defined in carpark (26 spaces), with shade canopy trees.

SERPENTINE WALKWAY

- Serpentine Creek banks reprofiled to provide terracing adjacent to waterway. This reduces gradient between walkway and creek bed while providing an overflow reservoir for occasional flood events.
New terrace and streamside planting species to be tolerant of occasional submergence, and not to interrupt stream flow.
Reprofiling to accommodate existing key trees

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Trees to maintain the feeling of spaciousness across Back Fields and growth not to encroach on sports facilities.
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WRIGHT STREET / DOMAIN ENTRY

- Arrival to Domain enhanced with further planting of streamside adjacent to bridge, and possible steps down to waterway
- Screen planting to reduce visual impact of Bowling Pavilion building
- Recommended painting of Pavilion basement to complement proposed paint treatment for Domain Pavilion basement
- Existing Wright Street carpark bays defined (31 spaces) with trees for shade
- Street tree planting to continue pattern of regularly spaced trees
- Visual connection to extend between Wright Street and Domain, with inappropriate service pipes across creek removed or screened by enhancement planting

BOWLING GREEN EXTENSION / SOUTHERN OVAL PLANTING

- Key existing trees supplemented with understorey small flowering trees and shrubs to maintain framework definition of Sports Oval, and define linkage point for walkers throughout adjacent areas
- Extent of proposed bowling green expansion treated with colourful shrub planting

DOMAIN PAVILION

- Treatment of main building entrance with new overhead pergola to highlight entry and enhance 'drop off' point
- Service vehicle access maintained with casual vehicle circulation de-emphasised around this important pedestrian area
- New garden beds on south side to soften building lines
- Repainting of basement recommended in a pale shade of upper storey colour, and to complement proposed paint treatment of Bowling Pavilion basement
- Possible grandstand seating erected on north side of Domain Pavilion with connection to upper deck
- Traffic flow direction and carpark bays defined (32 spaces), working around existing key trees
- Vehicle accessway at Hislop Street realigned

CENTRAL GARDENS

- Low height terrace stage constructed and recessed in to existing curved brick retaining wall
Possible pergola type structure to frame events, and provide a focus from the Central gardens lawn
- Accessway from Centennial Gates realigned and enhanced by Azalea plots or similar
Vehicle access limited to emergency and essential services only
- A strong visual connection under existing trees to be maintained between Central Gardens area and Playground

PLAYGROUND AREA

- Visual connection between Cox Street and Playground maintained under canopy of small trees e.g. flowering cherries, carefully sited along existing fence with seating and tables beneath
- Existing male toilet facility relocated to north side of pool area for easier accessibility by playground visitors
Toilet building to be subtly located and enhanced
- Play equipment to be upgraded to complement other types available in Geraldine

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- Treatment of Domain entryway includes new bollards to prevent casual vehicle access, and pedestrian walkway enhanced with new areas for seating and planting
- Orientation sign to feature in arrival space inside Memorial Gates, and possible rose garden development e.g. variety 'Geraldine'
Sign styles both new and existing to be consistent
- Road intersection enhancement creates opportunity for 'gateway' treatment, for road travelers entering Geraldine on State Highway 79
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Integrity of State Highway to be maintained as Regional Arterial Road

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- New planter beds within road reserve and understorey small trees e.g. flowering cherries, define angle parking (76 spaces)
- Vehicle flow and trailer movements provided for on this Local Road
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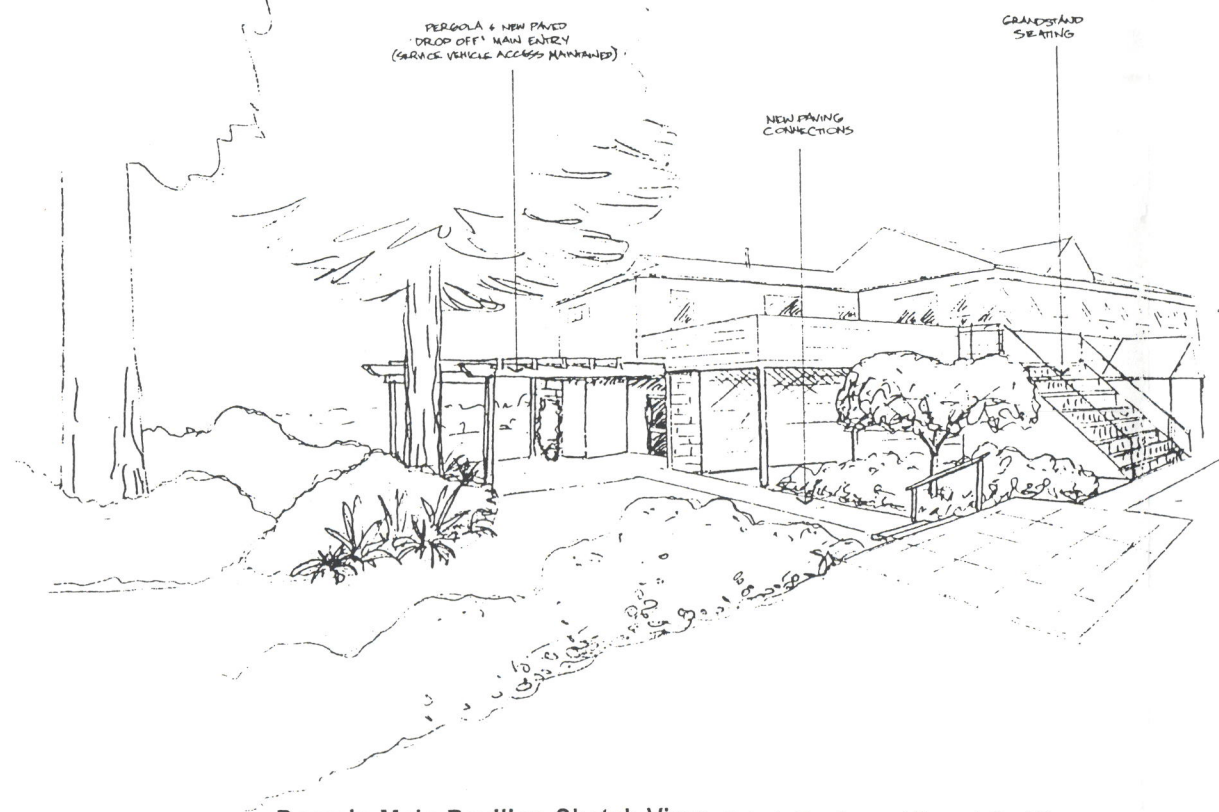
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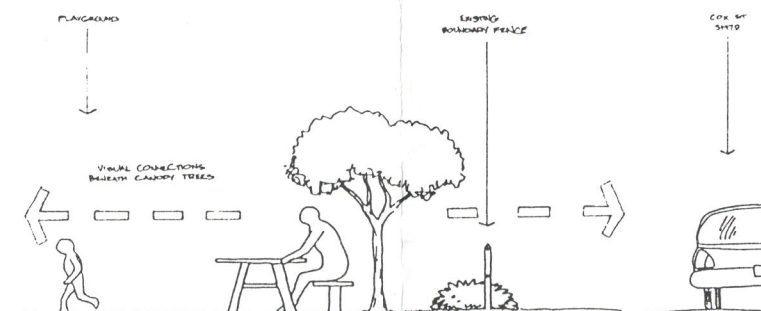
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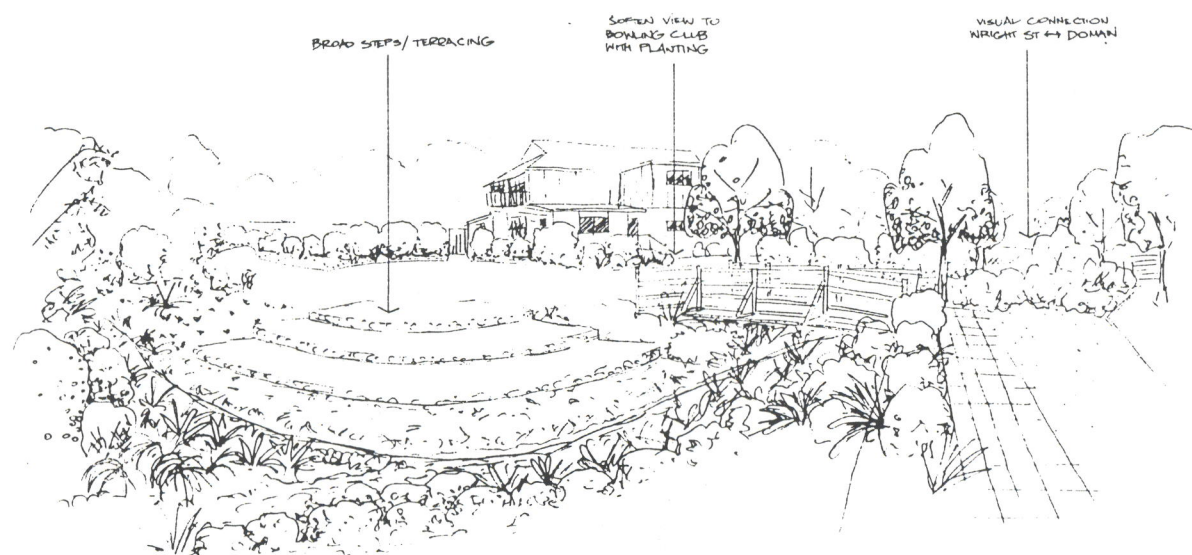
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Domain Main Pavilion Sketch View – Refer to Development Plan notation 'M'



Playground / Cox Street Boundary X-section View



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Domain at Hislop Street Sketch View – Refer to Development Plan notation 'E'

FINAL COMMENTS

This plan is the result of a collaborative process in which the community of Geraldine has had the opportunity to contribute directly. The qualities of the Domain have been identified and areas for improvement analysed from a values-based approach.

Throughout the consultative process we have seen priorities repeatedly emerge, and these issues have been addressed as far as possible in the Development Plan. Thus the Plan embodies the wishes of the community, and illustrates a vision for future development of the Domain within the larger context of the Geraldine town environment. It is detailed enough to be useful as a planning tool, in conjunction with the Geraldine Domain Management Plan when considering development proposal and resource allocation. We recommend further involvement of the public to assist the Council in further stages of the planning process.

Appendix 1.

METHODOLOGY

The following tables set out the steps taken in the Development Plan Process for the Geraldine Domain:

Development Plan Process

1. Identify qualities of Geraldine Domain involving site survey, research and analysis by Landscape Architects. This includes assessment made by Landscape Architects of factors such as landmarks, landscape character, heritage, amenities, structures, buildings, circulation and use of the Domain and surrounding environment. Research shall include review of existing relevant plans and information about the Domain. Principal objectives of this stage are to interpret amenity value, historic value, recreation value, ecological value of Geraldine Domain environment. This assessment shall form basis of material for initial consultation with Geraldine community, and include regular communication between Morgan Pollard & Associates and Timaru District Council Parks Manager

2. Initial public consultation by Landscape Architects, to ascertain and discuss views of regular Domain users and appropriate special interest groups. This includes interviews conducted between Landscape Architects and relevant persons or local representatives, and analysis of responses. Also initial community news release to inform general public on assessment of Domain, with regular news updates to follow. Invitations for general public responses included in news release. Objective of this stage includes identifying community values and priorities with regard to potential development for Geraldine Domain. Regular communication to be made between Morgan Pollard & Associates and Timaru District Council Parks Manager

3. Compilation of relevant research data, survey and consultation analysis by Landscape Architect as a Draft Concept Plan. Outcomes to include culmination of ideas in graphic form, with some initial proposals to stimulate further community input. Copy of draft to be displayed in Geraldine Regular communication to be made between Morgan Pollard & Associates and Timaru District Council Parks Manager

4. Second stage public consultation via local meeting between Morgan Pollard & Associates and general public by open invitation, with attendance of Timaru District Council Parks Manager and Community Board members. Meeting to be publicised and held at greatest convenience to Geraldine community. Draft Development Plan to be discussed. Objectives of meeting to include clarification of clear desires and priorities of community for Domain. Meeting outcomes to be correlated with the objectives and policies of Geraldine Domain Management Plan. Regular communication to be made between Morgan Pollard & Associates and Timaru District Council Parks Manager

5. Refine Plan as necessary and provide report and Development Plan to Parks Manager Timaru District Council. Development Plan to express opportunities for Domain

6. Approved Plan presented to Geraldine Community Board, including description and location of desirable improvements to Geraldine Domain

Appendix 2.

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

The following survey form was prepared for initial research, to elicit data about values and desires regarding the Geraldine Domain.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR DOMAIN!.

What does the Geraldine Domain mean to you? We are undertaking a quick survey to help guide us in identifying and understanding your community needs. Your thoughts and experiences will provide us with ideas for a plan to enhance and amenity of the existing domain site.

For this questionnaire simply state your responses to as many of the following questions as you wish. It is your feelings and impressions that are important. If you think that we have missed out on something that is important to you, please note it anywhere on this piece of paper, or attach a separate sheet with your comments on it. Your help at this stage will ensure we head along the right path from the start.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Circle one: M / F Age: under 20-30 30-45 45-60 60+

1. What parts of the Domain do you like to walk in? _____

Please tell us about your favourite part _____

2. Which areas of the domain do you find most useful? _____

Which parts do you feel are under-utilised? _____

3. Can you easily get to wherever you want to go to in the Domain? _____

Please say what accessways could be better _____

4. Is there any part of the Domain that you dislike? _____

Please say why _____

5. When you drive to the Domain where do you park? _____

Would you like to see more of the Domain area available for parking? _____

If so, which part? _____

6. Where would you like to see more planting in the domain? _____

Where in the Domain would you like to see more commemorative structures or planting?

7. The Domain is the “Heart “ of Geraldine. Do you agree or Disagree? _____

Please tell us what meaning the Domain has for you _____

What elements of the Domain are special to you? _____

8. What areas of the Domain are most used by visitors? _____

What do visitors most enjoy about the Domain? _____

With regards to recent improvements to the Geraldine township main street and the Waihi Riverside walkway, what improvements would you like to see in the Domain? _____

If we haven't arranged to collect this please drop your responses in to the Council Service Centre Geraldine
And THANK YOU!

Appendix 3.

TABLE OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRES

This table records and collates individual responses from the survey forms. It is not intended that this table be used for any statistical enquiry. It is simply to give an idea of weighting of certain issues

1 FAVOURITE PLACES TO WALK		M/F	AGE
Along creek area		M	60+
Along creek area		M	30-45
Around walking paths	!!!		60+
Around walking paths		F	60+
Around walking paths			45-60
Around walking paths	!!!	F	30-45
The path from Huffey St. to Cox St.	!	F	30-45
The path from Huffey St to Cox St.		F	45-60
The path from Hislop St to Wright St			30-45
The path from Hislop st to Huffey St (or Wright St.)		M	45-60
The path from Hislop St through to Huffey st			45-60
The path from Hislop St. to Wright St.			60+
The path from Wright Street to Cox St.		M	60+
From Speechley Gates to Cemetery Gates		M	60+
From the Cinema across the Domain as part of a green walk throughout the town		F	60+
To the pavilion		F	30-45
Playground and swimming pool area		M	30-45
Playground		F	30-45
The Oval		M	- 20
The Oval			30-45
The Oval			
The Oval	!		45-60
All areas	!	F	60+
All areas	! !!!	M	60+
All areas	!!		60+
All areas	!	F	45-60
All areas		M	45-60
All areas	!		45 60
All areas	!!	F	30-45
All areas			30-45
All areas	!!	M	30-45
All areas	!	F	- 20
The rose gardens	!!		60+
The rose gardens		F	30-45
The rose gardens and by main entrance		F	45-60
Don't		F	
Don't		M	30-45
Don't	!	F	30-45
Under the trees			60+
Under the trees (oaks)		M	60+
Under the trees			
Under the trees		M	30-45
Under the trees (near oval)		F	45-60

Favourite Part of the Domain		
Oval and around playing fields when empty to enjoy large trees and space	F	60+
Oval		
Oval and oak trees	M	60+
Oval !	M	60+
Oval		60+
Oval !		45-60
Oval	M	30-45
Oval – great atmosphere and mature trees !		30-45
Oval	F	30-45
Oval and pavilion areas because of large established trees	F	-20
Oval – watching soccer	M	-20
Pavilion	M	45-60
Trees and flowers		60+
Big Trees and Shrubs (established feeling)	F	45-60
Large established trees around oval	F	45-60
Nice Trees !		45-60
Nice Trees !		
Large Trees	M	30-45
Trees along Hislop St in Summer	M	45-60
Trees and birds	F	30-45
Around the outskirts of the main playing fields	F	30-45
Sporting Fields	F	30-45
Soccer Pitch		30-45
Bowling Green !	M	60+
Bowling Green	F	45-60
Trees along the serpentine	F	45-60
Walkway !	F	30-45
Trees along the pathway	F	30-45
Trees from large oak (where old pavilion stood) to Wright St.		60+
Between trees between Huffey Street and Tennis/Netball courts	M	60+
Cox St. end	M	60+
Between main carpark and the pavilion	F	30-45
All areas !		60+
All areas	F	60+
All areas (the whole setting)		45-60
All areas	M	30-45
Swimming pool	M	30-45
Swimming pool and play area	F	45-60
Swimming pool and play area	M	60=
The rose gardens		60+
Quiet and restful		60+
Peaceful		
When rugby was played there (spectator)		60+
Carpark and sealed pathways	M	30-45

Most Useful Part of the Domain?		
All areas	M	60+
All areas		45-60
All areas		30-45
All areas	F	- 20
Grassed areas under trees	M	30-45
Under the trees		
Domain Pavilion for social function – great spot for weddings etc.	F	60+
Domain Pavilion !		60+
Pavilion	M	45-60
Domain Pavilion	F	45-60
Domain Pavilion !	F	30-45
Pavilion !	M	30-45
Pavilion		30-45
Childrens play area		
Childrens Play Area !		60+
Childrens Play Area	F	60+
Childrens Play Area	M	60+
Childrens Play Area (especially the tractor)		
Childrens play area (even though it is very poor) !!!	F	30-45
The Oval for sports		60+
The Oval !		45-60
The Oval	M	45-60
The Oval ! !!	M	30-45
The Oval	F	30-45
Seating around the oval	F	-20
Seating around the oval	F	45-60
Sports facilities		30-45
Sports fields (soccer)		
Sports fields		60+
Sports fields ! !!!	F	30-45
Sports fields !	M	30-45
Sports fields !	M	30-45
Sports fields	F	30-45
Athletics Grounds !	F	30-45
Sports fields	F	45-60
Sports fields !		45-60
Cricket areas		45-60
Sports ground with seating to watch the games	F	30-45
Swimming Pool		60+
Swimming Pool	F	45-60
Swimming Pool !	M	45-60
Swimming Pool	M	30-45
Swimming Pool !	F	30-45
Swimming Pool		30-45
Tennis Courts		30-45

Croquet area		60+
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Area in Camelia and Rhodos by bowling club	M	60+
Toilets	M	-20
Where there are eating places	F	
Picnic areas by rose gardens	F	30-45
Picnic areas	F	45-60
Camping areas	F	45-60
Font and back areas		60+
Hislop St. side	M	60+
Space		60+
UNDER UTILISED PARTS OF THE DOMAIN?		
None	M	60+
None	!!	60+
None	F	60+
None	M	30-45
None	F	30-45
The Oval	M	60+
The Oval		45-60
The Oval	M	45-60
The Oval (the domain sports field?)	F	45-60
Back of the Oval (planting)	F	45-60
Area between oval and bowling club	F	45-60
Area between oval and bowling club	F	-20
Area near sunny side of bowling club	M	60+
Serpentine Creek/Huffey St. Boundary – needs more imaginative planting	F	60+
Along Serpentine Creek (planting)	F	45-60
Pavilion during the week	M	60+
Pavilion	F	45-60
Pavilion	M	45-60
The Hockey Pavilion (usually locked no access to toilets)	M	45-60
Picnic areas / Garden areas (bare and stark)		60+
Shrubs along most driveways need upgrading		60+
Playing Fields		45-60
Back Fields	M	30-45
Soccer and Cricket fields next to Huffey St. (only for sport)	!	30-45
Area between Huffey St. and netball courts	F	45-60
Area between Huffey St. and netball courts	F	-20

The Swimming Pool	F	30-45
The Swimming Pool !	M	30-45
Swimming pool (needs to be heated)		60+
Around swimming pool and Hislop St.	M	60+
Paths from main iron gates to oval seems less inviting (used by visitors)		60+
Swimming pool area	M	60+
Hislop St.	M	60+
Playground		60+
Playground – down graded and needs more shade for summer !!	F	30-45
Playground area under trees		
Playground	M	30-45
Playground – needs updating urgently		
GOOD ACCESS TO ALL PARTS OF THE DOMAIN? – YES		
Yes ! !!!!!		60+
Yes !	F	60+
Yes !!!!!!!	M	60+
Yes !!!		45-60
Yes	M	45-60
Yes	F	45-60
Yes ! !!!!!	F	30-45
Yes !!!!!	M	30-45
Yes	F	
Yes !!		30-45
Yes !!	F	45-60
Yes	F	- 20
Yes	M	-20
Yes !		
GOOD ACCESS TO ALL PARTS OF THE DOMAIN? – NO		
No – scooter access from streets need attending to		60+
No – Feel like an interloper crossing through Campground area	F	60+
No – bridge off Wright St could be better	F	45-60
No		45-60
No	M	45-60
No	M	30-45
Sometimes !	F	30-45
Sometimes	F	45-60
Sometimes	F	-20
WHAT AREAS OF THE DOMAIN NEED BETTER ACCESS?		
Netball pavilion !		45-60
Netball pavilion		60+
Netball courts	M	60+
Netball parking area	F	30-45
Net ball courts Overgrown trees and pot holes	F	30-45
Gates by the netball tennis club	M	- 20
From Wright St. to netball court (esp in winter)	F	30-45

From Netball/Tennis courts to pavilion below bowling green is too wet	F	30-45
From bowling club to pavilion	F	30-45
Bowling Club – speed limit on road or judder bars	M	30-45
Bowling Green !		60+
Road in from Huffey Street is poorly maintained	F	60+
Road from Huffey Street could be improved	M	60+
Huffey Street Access to the courts and lower playing areas		60+
Road in from Huffey street to bowling club	M	60+
Service Lane in from Huffey Street is a must	F	45-60
Road in from Huffey street has pot holes	F	30-45
Car park in front of Huffey St. Flats needs attention	F	60+
Screening planting is need for Huffey St. Flats	F	60+
Walkway needs resurfacing (esp Huffey St. end)		45-60
Tree canopies could be lifted along paths – pathways poor	F	45-60
Tree canopies could be lifted along paths – pathways poor	F	-20
Pavilion entrance	M	60+
Visually all accessways could be improved	F	30-45
Accessway through the campground needs to be defined	F	60+
Entry to the Domain	M	45-60
Middle gate to athletics area (car bottoms out on dip)	F	45-60
No more car access into the Domain	F	45-60
None – safe the way it is	F	30-45
WHAT PARTS OF THE DOMAIN DO YOU DISLIKE?		
Childrens play ground and pool area (scruffy and neglected)		60+
Childrens playground (outdated)	F	45-60
Childrens playground (concrete structures are unsafe)		
Childrens playground too shady	F	30-45
Childrens playground (outdated) !	F	30-45
Drains (open)		45-60
Depth of the creek		60+
Trees between Athletic shed and pavilion need culling and replanting with more suitable species	F	60+
Around athletics club shed - always muddy	F	45-60
Around athletics club shed – always muddy	F	-20
Between bowling club and oval (old trees)	M	60+
Oval needs more trees and shrubs	F	30-45
Houses backing onto Domain (untidy)	M	60+
Talbot st. car park and around pensioner flats bleak and unappealing	M	30-45
Between Pavilion and Huffey street		
Huffey Street frontage	F	30-45
Rose Garden		
Rose Garden is too shady	M	60+
Rose Garden – Pathetic		60+
Whole domain needs more gardens (doesn't compare to Oamaru)	F	30-45
No obvious flow of plantings/structures	F	30-45
Too many different styles of gates, fences, walls etc – lacks continuity	F	30-45

The Gates and associated plantings (or lack of)	F	60+
The Domain sign	F	60+
Cox St Fence	F	60+
Car park at the Pavilion (entrance need improvement)	F	30-45
Swimming pool needs to be upgraded	F	30-45
Area by fence at south end of pool – very bare		
Behind the swimming pool – muddy and people shove toxins back there	M	- 20
Baths gate – looks like something out of a junk yard		45-60
Surroundings (to baths?) needs a facelift – too enclosed looking		45-60
Mural on the pool wall - distracting	F	45-60
Toilets near pool – dark and unappealing	F	45-60
Mens toilet block – shrubs need trimming – lurkers paradise		45-60
Toilets behind the baths – dirty – need paving	!	F 30-45
Walking through pathways at night – not lit adequately	M	30-45
Netball courts – untidy, netting needs replacing	F	45-60
Athletics track is too short	F	- 20
Poor drainage on sports fields despite improvements	M	30-45
Poor drainage in winter	F	30-45
Seating around oval should be changed to bench seats		60+
None	!!	60+
None	!!	M 60+
None	!	F 60+
None	!	60+
None	!	M 45-60
None	!	45-60
None	!	M 30-45
None	!	30-45
WHERE DO YOU PARK?		
Existing car park	!!!!	M 60+
Existing car park	!!	45-60
Existing car park		F 45-60
Carpark		45-60
Carpark	!	M 30-45
Front of Pavilion		M 30-45
Pavilion Carpark		
Pavilion carpark		M 60+
Pavilion Carpark		45-60
Pavilion Carpark	!	M 45-60
Pavilion Carpark	!	F 45-60
Pavilion Car park	!	F 30-45
Pavilion Car park		M 30-45
Pavilion Carpark	!	30-45
Pavilion Carpark		F 30-45
At the bowling green	M	60+

Carpark outside bowling club		M	60+
Area of sealed driveway by netball courts	!!	F	30-45
Opposite camping ground			60+
Under the trees		F	
Under the trees	!		60+
Under the trees near Huffey Street		M	60+
Under the trees in summer			60+
Rose Garden		M	60+
Under the trees near pool		F	45-60
Under the trees near pool		F	30-45
Childrens playground	!	F	30-45
Huffey Street		F	60+
Huffey Street			60+
Huffey St		M	30-45
Hislop Street		M	60+
Hislop Street			60+
Hislop Street		F	60+
Hislop Street			45-60
On the street		F	60+
On the road by the pool			35-40
On Street		F	45-60
Wright St. Parking area		F	-20
Wright st. parking area	!	F	45-60
Wright St. Parking area (occaisonal)		F	60+
Wright Street parking area			60+
Wright St. parking area		F	30-45
Anywhere – either side of grounds		F	30-45
By small memorial pavilion when dry			60+
Across from the playground		M	30-45
Outside		M	60+
As near to venue as possible		M	60+
Near Oval			
Near Oval (beside juniors fields)			
Near Oval			30-45
On the bank		F	- 20
Bike		F	30-45
Walk			60+
MORE PARKING NEEDED?			
No	!!!!	M	60+
No	!!!!		60+
No	!!	F	60+
No	!!!!		45-60

No (but area along Huffey St needs attention)	!	F	45-60
No		F	45-60
No – (make sure existing parking is shown available)	!	M	45-60
No – no parking near childrens playground			
No – reorganize existing parking	!!	F	30-45
No	!!		30-45
No	!!!!	M	30-45
No		F	-20
No - too much access access allows through Huffey St. gates		F	60+
Yes			60+
Yes	!	F	30-45
Yes – by tennis court areas		F	45-60
Yes – by netball tennis court area		M	- 20
Yes – beside the netball courts			
Yes – by the netball courts	!!	F	30-45
Maybe by netball pavilion, but not asphalt etc. grass paving?		F	30-45
Near bowling green			60+
Widen driveway area by netball courts (its too wet for parking sometimes)		F	30-45
Yes – under trees near tennis courts		M	60+
By playing area on Huffey Street (cars already park there)			60+
Yes – anywhere but the rose garden		F	- 20
Yes – only by the pavilion		M	60+
Yes – by the pavilion		M	30-45
Yes – by athletics field and swimming pool		F	45-60
Yes - by the sports arena			60+
Yes – small area under trees by pool		F	30-45
Disabled parking/access needed to the pavilion			
Disabled parking needed			
On Hislop St side		F	60+
6 MORE PLANTING NEEDED - WHERE?			
No	!	M	60+
No	!		60+
No (sun is important) but replacement program is impt			60+
No			45-60
No	!!!	M	30-45
No		F	30-45
Very little (not natives)			45-60
Yes		M	60+
Yes		M	45-60
Yes	!	F	30-45
Yes – (more flowers)	!		60+
Yes – maybe more flower gardens	!	F	30-45
Yes – Rose gardens (along the centre)			

Yes – Rose Garden		45-60
Yes – Rose Garden	F	- 20
Yes – garden areas	F	30-45
Yes – around the entrance gates to blend with surroundings	F	45-60
Yes – By the pavilion through to Huffey St.		30-45
Yes – by Huffey St.	F	30-45
Yes – by the pensioner housing	M	30-45
Yes – around the practise pitch		30-45
Yes – a little more but not natives (need seasonal colour)		60+
Yes – around big gates by netball court between houses and park	F	30-45
Yes – eastern side of tennis court	M	60+
Yes – but not near bowling green	F	45-60
Yes – along Creek	!	60+
Yes – along creek	!	M 60+
Yes – along creek (rhodos etc.)		45-60
Yes – along Creek	F	30-45
Yes – along creek from courts to Huffey St.	F	45-60
Yes – along creek from courts to Huffey St.	F	-20
Yes – along creek (natural link to Talbot forest)	F	30-45
Yes – along creek (revegetate creek bank)	M	30-45
		30-45
Yes – rhodos with natives by pavilion		60+
Yes – rhodos and camelias by pavilion	F	45-60
Yes – remove some trees by pavilion and plant suitable shrubs (too dark and enclosed)	M	60+
Yes – garden at side of pavilion		60+
Yes – a bit more around the pavilion	M	- 20
Yes – planting around the oval and the Pavilion are inharmonious	F	60+
Yes – by soccer hockey and croquet areas (boundary?)	M	60+
Yes – around boundaries	F	30-45
Yes – specimen planting along fencelines, bowling green, playing areas	M	60+
Yes – screening fences	F	30-45
Yes – shelter plantings	F	30-45
Yes – shelter plantings	M	30-45
Yes – around buildings	F	30-45
Yes – around the recently built extension to the museum	F	60+
Yes – around swimming pool	F	30-45
Yes – around swimming pool area	M	60+
Yes – along Hislop St.	M	60+
Yes – along Hislop St. (underplanting)	F	45-60
Yes – along Hislop St. (underplanting)	F	-20
Yes - Along Hislop St side of oval – under and around big trees	F	30-45
Yes – around the oval (specimen exotic trees)	M	45-60
Yes – replacement of older trees is important		60+

Yes – replacement program of older trees	F	45-60
Yes – remove shrubs around oval (top of wall) and plant roses	M	60+
Yes – but sunny spots for winter and shade for summer		
Yes – along Cox St by campground – mulched beds would look better than grass struggling to grow in shade of separate shrubs	F	60+
Don't care	F	
Wide girth yew is not harmonious in current setting	F	60+
COMMORATIVE STRUCTURES OR PLANTING?		
Yes - along the back boundary		45-60
Yes – by main gates		60+
Yes - at gates where plaques are currently	M	30-45
Yes – by main gates	F	30-45
Yes - by the rose garden	F	- 20
Yes – Gates to oval need to connect to something	F	45-60
Yes - near entrances		45-60
Yes - big trees as commemorative plantings	F	30-45
Yes – trees as commorative plantings	M	60+
Yes – continue legacy forefathers left	M	60+
Yes – replacement plantings of aged trees to maintain continuity	F	60+
Yes - replace some mature trees with new plantings	M	60+
Yes - look after the trees that they have	M	30-45
Yes - (structures) around the oval	M	30-45
Yes – more up to date playground	M	30-45
Yes – along Hislop St. Road frontage	M	45-60
Yes – besides the paths	F	30-45
Yes – by the Wright St. entrance	F	60+
Yes - Hislop Street		
Yes – but trees without plaques with sprayed edges	F	30-45
Yes – large statue in rose garden – commemorating Tripp /Acland /early settlers	F	-20
Yes – large statue in rose garden	F	45-60
Yes – interesting sculptures (kids could climb on) or bird avery	F	30-45
Planting if it fits in with plan, not dead peoples corner	F	30-45
No ugly phallic structures	F	30-45
No - there is sufficient		60+
No - more planting	F	45-60
No - more plaques		60+
No	M	30-45
No – prefer not to but if necessary by the rose gardens		30-45
None		
No structures	F	30-45

7. DOMAIN AS THE HEART?			
NO	!!!	M	60+
NO	!!!!		60+
NO		F	60+
NO		M	45-60
NO		F	45-60
NO	!		45-60
NO	!!!	F	30-45
NO	!!		30-45
NO		M	30-45
YES	!!!!		60+
YES	!!!!	M	60+
YES		F	60+
YES (sports wise)		F	60+
Yes (for sports)		F	45 -60
YES	!!		45-60
YES		M	45-60
YES	!!	F	45-60
YES	!!		30-45
YES	!!	M	30-45
Could be – with improvements		F	45-60
Could be		F	-20
Yes		M	- 20
YES	!!!	F	30-45
MEANING OF THE DOMAIN			
Central Recreational/Green space area		F	60+
Central Recreation Area		M	60+
Central Recreation Area	!!	F	30-45
Central recreation area	!	M	30-45
Space and Fun			45-60
A place for people to gather			45-60
Pleasure leisure part of human life			60+
Source of Pride			60+
Important legacy		F	60+
Something left by forefathers			60+
Legacy for future generations			60+
Commemorates history of development		F	45-60
Very special place – social hub			60+
Commemorates history of the events held over the years		M	60+
Pavilion for general use		F	45-60
Pleasant place to be in			45-60
Pleasant place to visit		M	45-60
Relaxing to walk through	!!!!		60+
Attractive place to walk			30-45
Peaceful area	!		60+
Peaceful area			45-60

Peaceful area	!!	F	45-60
Peaceful area			30-45
Peaceful area		F	30-45
Place I visited as I grew up		F	- 20
Childhood memories			45-60
Great memories	!		60+
Steeped in history		M	60+
Always tidy and well kept			60+
Ideal place for Christmas music		M	60+
Special area for children		M	60+
Good place for family sports		F	30-45
Good place for children to enjoy their sports	!		
Good place for children ! (to safely ride their bikes)		F	30-45
Good place for children to play		M	30-45
Educational area for Kindy			
The best entertainment area for kids		M	- 20
Green area where sports are played		M	60+
Place for sport and relaxation		M	60+
Sport venue			45-60
Sport and relaxation		M	30-45
Sport and relaxation	!!	F	45-60
Sport and relaxation		F	30-45
Sport and social activities	!		30-45
Sports – variety of activities operating at the same time		M	60+
Place for sport and trees !		F	30-45
Sport and social activites			60+
Good for watching sport			60+
Enjoy flowers, nature and trees			60+
Attractive area in all seasons		M	60+
Feel closer to nature		F	30-45
Established trees		F	30-45
Tall trees		F	60+
Tall trees		F	30-45
Space			30-45
Big Green space		F	30-45
(in center of Geraldine)		M	30-45
Green open space with attractive gardens		M	30-45
Freedom			60+
A part of the green space network of Geraldine		F	60+
Cultural Events center		F	30-45
Seen by tourists and visits		F	30-45
Swimming Pool		F	30-45
Swimming Pool	!	M	30-45
Lovely uncluttered park			60+

ELEMENTS OF THE DOMAIN THAT ARE SPECIAL			
Pavilion Building	!	M	60+
Pavilion Building			60+
Pavilion Building			45-60
Pavilion Building		M	30-45
Pavilion		F	30-45
Pavilion			30-45
Pavilion (Hockey?)		M	45-60
The Oval	!!!!		45-60
The Oval		M	60+
The Oval		M	30-45
The Oval		F	30-45
The Oval	!		30-45
Bowling Green	!	M	60+
Swimming Pool		M	30-45
Swings		F	30-45
The trees (very old)		M	60+
The trees		F	60+
The trees	!!		60+
The trees		M	45-60
The trees	!		45-60
The trees	!	F	30-45
The trees (old specimen trees)	!	M	30-45
The trees			30-45
Seasonal changes in trees including nuts - nature			
The old english trees		M	60+
The old english trees and shrubs, rose gardens	!	F	45-60
Weeping willows in spring		M	60+
In between the two toilets – all the honeysuckles		M	- 20
Rest area near play area		F	60+
Sports areas		M	60+
Sports areas	!		60+
Sports areas	!	M	45-60
Sports areas		F	30-45
Soccer		M	30-45
Colourful garden areas		M	60+
Green areas	!		60+
The garden areas		M	30-45
The rose garden		F	- 20
The rose garden area		F	30-45
The roses and azaleas planted by the swimming pool area		F	30-45

Net ball Tennis area	!	F	30-45
The history – foresight of settlers to create a valuable urban space		F	45-60
Open spaces		M	60+
Spaciousness			60+
Spaciousness		F	60+
Spaciousness		M	30-45
All		F	- 20
All			30-45
All			60+
All		F	60+
AREAS MOST USED BY VISITORS?			
Childrens Play areas	!!!	M	60+
Childrens Play areas	!!!!		60+
Childrens Play areas		F	60+
Childrens Play areas	!!!!!!	F	30-45
Childrens Play area			30-45
Childrens Play areas	!!!!	M	30-45
Childrens Play areas	!!		45-60
Childrens Play areas		F	45-60
Childrens Play areas			
Childrens Play areas	!	F	- 20
Swings		F	30-45
The Oval			60+
The Oval		F	60+
The Oval		M	30-45
The Oval	!		45-60
			45-60
Pavilion			60+
		F	45-60
Sports areas			60+
Sports areas		M	60+
Sports areas		M	45-60
Sports areas	!!	F	45-60
Sports areas		M	30-45
Sports areas	!	F	30-45
Sports areas		F	-20
Rose Gardens			
Rose Gardens		F	45-60
Rose Gardens			45-60
Garden areas		F	30-45
Garden areas	!		60+
Picnic areas/Tables	! !		60+
Picnic tables along Hislop St		F	60+

Picnic areas		F	60+
Picnic areas	!	M	60+
Picnic areas		M	45-60
Picnic areas	!		45-60
Picnic areas	!	F	45-60
Picnic areas	!!	M	30-45
Picnic areas	!!!!	F	30-45
Picnic areas			30-45
Public Toilets		F	60+
Public Toilets		F	-20
Public Toilets		F	45-60
Public Toilets		F	30-45
Public Toilets		M	30-45
Motorcamp	!	M	60+
Motorcamp	!	M	30-45
Motorcamp	!	F	45-60
Walking paths		M	45-60
Swimming pool area		M	60+
Swimming pool		F	60+
Swimming Pool	!		60+
Swimming Pool		M	45-60
Swimming Pool	!	F	30-45
Swimming Pool			30-45
Swimming Pool	!!	F	45-60
Swimming pool		F	-20
Areas off Cox St.		F	45-60
Cox St /Hislop St areas	!		60+
Don't know		F	
WHAT DO VISITORS MOST ENJOY?			
Park like surroundings		M	60+
Park like surroundings(the setting)			45-60
Scenery		M	- 20
The English atmosphere		M	60+
The English setting		M	45-60
Green areas			60+
Grass areas		F	45-60
Openess			60+
Rose Gardens		F	45-60
Rose Gardens	!	F	- 20
Rose Gardens		M	60+
Gardens	!		60+
The gardens		F	45-60
The Trees		F	60+
The trees	!		60+

The Trees	!	F	45-60
The Trees			45-60
The Trees		M	30-45
The Trees		F	30-45
Walks		M	30-45
Walks		F	60+
Everything		F	60+
Everything	!		60+
Pavilion			60+
Shady place for a break and a snack	!	M	60+
Shady place to picnic			60+
Shady place to picnic	!		45-60
Shady place to picnic		M	30-45
Shade under trees		F	30-45
Away from through traffic		F	30-45
Quiet and restful grounds		F	30-45
Peace and quiet	!	M	60+
Tranquility		F	30-45
Location		F	30-45
Parking handy to playground		M	30-45
Good stopping place for families			
Being Compact			60+
Convenient rest stop			60+
Close to toilets and food outlets		F	45-60
Close to toilets and food outlets		F	-20
Well Kept			60+
Sports		M	- 20
Sports areas			60+
Swimming pool		F	30-45
WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?			
Upgrade toilets (pool area)		M	60+
More toilets (better)	!!		60+
More toilets near netball and tennis court/hockey fields		F	45-60
Better toilets		F	30-45
More toilets		M	30-45
Toilets behind the baths revamped		F	30-45
Tidy up all gardens	!		45-60
Planting more specimen trees		M	30-45
Take out old trees	!		45-60
Plant more european trees (which are currently being replace by shrubby natives) Both native and exotic reflect the town – balance is important)		F	45-60
More planting under trees, more colour		M	60+

Replace rose beds in oval area with more interesting and suitable flowering plants	F	60+
Rose Gardens need an enclosure or green background to look well	F	60+
Rose Gardens – need to use varieties that require no-spray maintenance	F	60+
Rose Gardens need more sun	M	60+
Rose Gardens to a sunny area and facelift		60+
Extension of gardens	M	30-45
Perennial garden for year round colour		60+
Hislop St. Cox St. Corner needs cheering up		60+
Garden at Speechley gate is very good	M	60+
More gardens with colour, and where visitors can see them from road	M	60+
Rhododendrons in carpark/pavilion area		60+
More colourful garden areas		60+
Not all natives planting – needs some colour		60+
No native plantings		45-60
More gardens and much more natives	F	30-45
Replace shrubs around the oval – more colour – is used as a thoroughfare to sports grounds, plantings could make it more attractive esp spring		60+
Mix of large trees and scrubby shrubs seems inharmonious in some areas	F	60+
Plant local plants from area (unique Geraldine identity)	!	M 30-45
More native plantings	M	45-60
More native plantings (informal plantings)	F	30-45
Open drain along Cox st to be fenced off for safety reasons	M	30-45
Banks of the creek (low plantings with colour)	F	30-45
Banks of creek		45-60
Banks of creek (remove concrete)	F	30-45
Banks of creek more plantings – azaleas, rhodos, and bulbs – like Hagley Park – no natives	F	45-60
Banks of creek more plantings - azaleas, rhodos, bulbs – no natives	F	-20
Don't make the park cluttered	M	60+
Keep areas open and undeveloped	M	60+
Less fussy logical flow plantings	F	30-45
Need greater continuity and flow in park plantings	F	60+
More landscaping on boundaries	F	30-45
Shelter for sports grounds	F	30-45
Screening buildings	F	30-45
Planting in wet areas (between courts and pavilion?)	F	30-45
Area between pavilion and athletic shed needs a good tidy up		40-65
Buildings at netball area tidied up		40-65
Relate Centennial gates better to setting	F	60+
Don't like the main gates planted black	F	30-45
Don't like the wooden fences – bad relationship to wrought iron gates	F	60+
All Gates need connection and better physical settings	F	60+
Linkage by planting or narrowing Hislop St to connect two parts of Domain	F	60+
Make more of a feature of the brick wall and tidy up plantings	F	60+
Change the sign	F	60+

Don't see connection of areas (to main st etc.)	M	30-45
Could have more linkage to all other green areas including Talbot Forest		30-45
Oval developed as top class sports venue esp. cricket ground	M	45-60
Oval – higher bank	M	- 20
Bench seats around the oval	F	30-45
A few more forms	M	60+
More seating		60+
More seating around the oval. Some seating with backs for comfort	F	60+
400 m track	!	M 60+
Push oval back to permit 400m track		60+
400 m track	!	45-60
400 meter track	!	F 30-45
400 m track	F	- 20
No enlargement of sports areas if encroaches on others		60+
Play area needs safe fall fill	!	60+
Upgrade childrens park area (new equip like primary) with tables nearby for parents.	!	60+
Update childrens play area	!	
Playground needs updating	F	45-60
Playground needs updating and is unsafe		30-45
Playground needs updating	!	F 30-45
Playground needs updating	F	-20
Playground need less shade and updated climbing activity centers (like Timaru Botanical Gardens – maybe even a duck pond or wading pool)	F	30-45
Pool and ducks	F	30-45
Swimming pool heated	M	60+
Swimming pool upgraded, heated and covered	M	30-45
Swimming pool upgraded, spectator area covered	!	F 45-60
Swimming pool roofed and suitable for all ages all year round		
Swimming pool roofed and heated	!	F 30-45
Swimming pool roofed and heated	F	-20
Bike stand outside swimming pool		60+
More parking for bowling /tennis club area		60+
More parking for bowlin club area (Cox street)	F	45-60
Huffey street area needs channeling for water runoff – boggy where cars angle park	F	60+
Clean up Huffey St parking area		60+
More shade for parked cars	F	30-45
More picnic tables	F	45-60
Nice picnic areas	F	30-45
More picnic tables		
More picnic tables	F	-20
Tearooms somewhere around the oval	M	30-45
Couple of electric or gas barbecues	M	30-45

Barbecue areas		30-45
Lighting along pathway	F	45-60
Lighting along pathway		
More help with river maintenance	F	30-45
Funding for building upgrades and maintenance	F	30-45
Recognition of history	F	30-45
Maintain as it is		60+
Maintain as it is		45-60
None		60+
None	M	30-45
None	M	60+