

Parks and Open Spaces

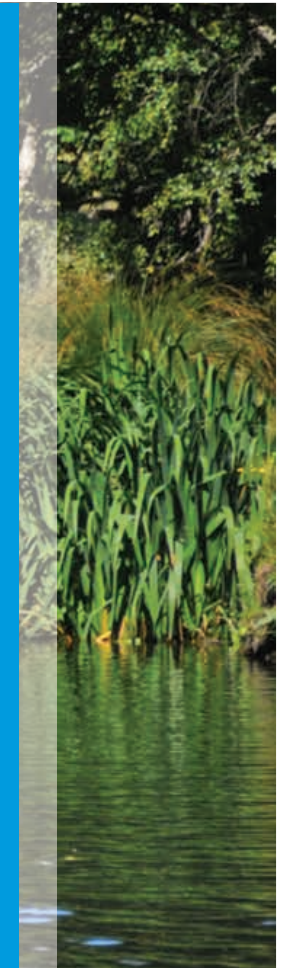


“Christchurch has a reputation as the Garden City. It would be disappointing if we lost the general greenness of the place.”

It was great when the Council decided to make a full basketball court at Rowley Park. It’s a very well-used park. There are always heaps of kids down there, especially after school and throughout the holidays. The skatepark’s great.”



Tim Lalahi
Hoon Hay



What activities are included in parks and open spaces?

Neighbourhood parks

- Provide and manage neighbourhood parks (which in some cases include community facilities)

Sports parks

- Provide and manage sports parks, including the facilities on them

Garden and heritage parks

- Provide and manage The Botanic Gardens – including education, promotion and displays

Provide and manage Garden and Heritage parks

- Heritage buildings and structures (e.g. fountains, clocks, statues, and outdoor art works)

Cemeteries

- Provide and manage cemetery grounds (excluding Historic Cemeteries such as Rutherford, Barbadoes and Addington, which are managed under the Garden and Heritage Parks Activity)
- Cemetery operations administration and information

Regional parks

- Provide and manage a network of parks of regional significance (such as Port Hill reserves and Bottle Lake Forest which may include natural areas, visitor information centres and recreation facilities like walking tracks and bike trails.
- Provide services such as information, volunteer events on parks, track networks and biodiversity support)

Rural fire management

- Rural Fire reduction, readiness and response (including within the Christchurch City Council area and rural fire management support for other Canterbury Rural Fire Authorities)
- Training of rural fire response personnel including Voluntary Rural Fire Force members

Harbours and marine structures

- Provide, manage and maintain marine structures and facilities, including recreational and commercial facilities for city residents and visitors – e.g. New Brighton Pier, Akaroa and Diamond Harbour wharves
- Wharves, moorings, harbour structures, and boat ramps as recreational facilities throughout Christchurch and Banks Peninsula coast – e.g. Wainui wharf, and Magazine Bay facilities.

Why is the Council involved in parks and open spaces?

- Neighbourhood parks provide places for reflection, informal recreation and small-scale community events and facilities. They contribute to our communities' natural character and amenity values, and form part of a network of open space that includes walkways and cycle ways. Neighbourhood Parks play an important role in supporting the City's Garden image, treescape and ecological values.
- The Local Government Act 2002 gives Council the ability to provide, develop and manage land for public open space that meets community expectations.
- The Council provides these parks, which are generally large, green areas to enable people to participate in

organised sport and other forms of active and passive recreation. They provide open space opportunities for large social gatherings, significant amenity treescapes, and also help protect and enhance both exotic and local native biodiversity. Sports parks support the City's Garden image.

- The Public Open Space Strategy provides an open space and biodiversity policy overview for the City.
- The Botanic Gardens and a number of garden and heritage parks have a significant place in our natural, cultural, social and botanical heritage, and are managed to protect and enhance these values. Garden and heritage parks play a significant role in supporting the City's garden image.
- Maintaining the heritage buildings and structures will help protect the City's cultural and heritage image.
- To provide and manage cemeteries to meet the burial, remembrance and heritage needs of the community. Cemeteries also support the City's Garden image.
- Burial and Cremation Act 1964 mandates Council to provide and administer cemeteries.
- To protect life, property and the natural environment from the threat of rural fires.
- To respond to any rural fire within the Christchurch City Council Rural Fire Authority jurisdiction.
- To increase communities awareness of the risk and associated mitigation measures.
- To meet the Council's statutory obligations as a Rural Fire Authority.
- The Council provides wharves, marine and other harbour structures to enable and encourage marine recreation, transport, and economic activity.

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How does parks and open spaces contribute to our community outcomes?**People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries**

- Neighbourhood parks contribute to the network of parks and open spaces throughout the city
- Sports parks contribute to the network of parks and open spaces throughout the city
- Garden and heritage parks contribute to the district's network of parks and open spaces and provide places for relaxation and recreation
- Regional parks contribute to the district's network of parks and open spaces.

There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities

- Neighbourhood parks provide spaces for children's play and offer places for reflection, relaxation and informal recreation
- Providing large open spaces enables people to participate in organised sport and other forms of active and passive recreation
- Maintaining regional parks provides opportunities for outdoors-based recreation within reach of urban areas
- Providing wharves, moorings, harbour structures and boat ramps encourages and enhances marine and other recreation

The garden city image and the garden heritage image of the district are enhanced

- Trees and planting in neighbourhood parks provide ecological, environmental and amenity benefits and strengthen Christchurch's internationally recognised

identity as the Garden City and the garden heritage of the district

- Trees and plants in cemeteries provide ecological, environmental and amenity benefits and strengthen Christchurch's internationally recognised identity as the Garden City and the garden heritage of the district
- Trees and planting provide ecological, environmental and amenity benefits and strengthen Christchurch's internationally recognised identity as the Garden City and the garden heritage of the district
- The Botanic Gardens and other garden and heritage parks are an integral part of the Christchurch's internationally recognised identity as the Garden City and the garden heritage of the district. Trees and plants provide ecological, environmental and amenity benefits to Christchurch city.

People have strong social networks

- Neighbourhood parks offer opportunities for community interaction through informal recreation and small-scale community events
- Sports parks provide opportunities for community interaction through informal recreation and space for large community events

Streetscapes, public open spaces and public buildings enhance the look and function of the city

- Parks and trees contribute to the natural character and open space of neighbourhoods.
- Sports parks and park trees contribute to the natural character and open space of neighbourhoods
- Garden and heritage parks contribute to the natural character and open space of neighbourhoods

Existing ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity are protected

- Neighbourhood parks can protect indigenous vegetation, habitats and the species that they support
- Sports parks can protect indigenous vegetation, habitats and the species that they support
- Garden and heritage parks can protect indigenous vegetation habitats and the species that they support
- As part of a network of open space throughout the city, regional parks provide opportunities for protecting ecosystems, vegetation, sites and habitats

A range of indigenous habitats and species is enhanced

- As part of the network of green space throughout the city, neighbourhood parks provide opportunities for enhancing indigenous habitats and species
- As part of the network of green space throughout the city, sports parks provide opportunities for enhancing indigenous habitats and species
- As part of the network of green space throughout the city, garden and heritage parks provide opportunities for enhancing indigenous habitats and species
- Ecological restoration projects by regional parks enhance indigenous habitats and the species they support

The public has access to places of scenic, natural, heritage, cultural and educational interest

- Maintaining garden and heritage parks protects and provides access to Christchurch's botanical and cultural heritage. The Botanic Gardens collections provide access to a range of botanical species of scientific value.

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- Educational programmes, displays and promotions enhance public access and help people to learn about our natural heritage
 - Cemeteries help preserve the city’s cultural heritage and are publicly accessible
 - Managing parks of regional significance preserves the district’s cultural heritage and enables residents and visitors to experience and learn about the natural environment
 - Environmental education programmes provide students with an understanding of the district’s environment, and the value of protecting it
- Cultural and ethnic diversity is valued and celebrated**
- Providing cemeteries and burial administration supports the diverse cultural burial and remembrance needs of the community
- Landscapes and natural features are protected and enhanced**
- Managing parks of regional significance, including the Port Hills reserves, protects and enhances their outstanding landscapes, natural features, resources and scenic values
 - Managing the city’s beaches, coasts and estuaries enables their natural values to be enjoyed, protected and enhanced
- Risks from natural hazards are minimised including earthquakes, flooding, tsunami and rock fall**
- Public education and the management of rural fire permits contribute to the prevention of rural fires
- Maintaining a rural fire fighting readiness and response service and the training of fire fighting personnel enables an effective response

- There is a range of travel options that meet the needs of the community**
- Providing wharves and harbour structures contributes to transport and tourism for residents and visitors
- Christchurch’s infrastructure supports sustainable economic growth**
- Providing tourism operators and other businesses with access to and from the sea helps to support economic activity
- Site and places of significance to tangata whenua are protected.**
- Preventing and responding to rural fires helps protect sites of significance to tangata whenua.

What changes are planned for parks and open spaces?

Levels of satisfaction are expected to slowly improve to pre-earthquake levels as the condition of parks and open spaces are reinstated.

What negative effects or risks can occur in relation to parks and open spaces?

Negative Effects	Mitigation Options
Trees damage paving, disturb underground and overhead services, and block drains. They may shade neighbouring properties	Root cutting, tree pruning, tree removal, appropriate tree location and species selection. Remove leaf litter from drainage grates
Vandalism and graffiti to park assets	Fix vandalism damage, remove graffiti, and work to prevent these activities

Negative Effects	Mitigation Options
Anti-social behaviour in parks	Meet appropriate safety guidelines and carry out audits. Provide lighting and appropriate surveillance
Noise disturbance to neighbours	Comply with City Plan boundary set-back requirements for structures or facilities
Contamination of soil or water from use of agrichemicals	Limit the use of agrichemicals where possible and/or substitute with organic or mechanical measures. Ensure agrichemicals are applied in accordance with product requirements and to industry standards
Fire hazard to adjoining properties	Use land management practices that reduce fire hazard, seasonal fire controls, and ready response available for rural fires
Potential rockfall	Identify at risk areas. Communicate risk to the public. Apply restricted use measures where necessary.

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Activity	What is the Council trying to achieve?	What services will the Council offer to make this happen?	How would we know these services were successful?	Target
Neighbourhood parks	People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities The garden city image and the garden heritage image of the district are enhanced People have strong social networks Streetscapes, public open spaces and public buildings enhance the look and function of the city Existing ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity are protected A range of indigenous habitats and species is enhanced	Provide and manage neighbourhood parks (which in some cases include community facilities)	Measure	A minimum percentage of urban parks contract technical specifications pertaining to neighbourhood parks are met to ensure they can be appropriately enjoyed by the community. This includes appropriate maintenance of paths, gardens, grass, seats, picnic tables, signs, playground equipment, dog parks and hard surfaces, and that toilets are serviced and pests are controlled.
			Neighbourhood Parks are maintained to specifications so parks are clean, tidy, safe and functional	Customers are satisfied with the range of recreation facilities
			Customer satisfaction with the range of recreation facilities	Overall customer satisfaction with neighbourhood parks
Sports parks	People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities The garden city image and the garden heritage image of the district are enhanced People have strong social networks Streetscapes, public open spaces and public buildings enhance the look and function of the city Existing ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity are protected A range of indigenous habitats and species is enhanced	Provide and manage sports parks, including the facilities on them	Sports Parks are maintained to specifications so parks are clean, tidy, safe and functional	A minimum percentage of urban parks contract technical specifications pertaining to sports park facilities are met to ensure the parks can be appropriately enjoyed by the community. This includes appropriate maintenance of paths, gardens, grass, seats, picnic tables, signs, playground equipment and hard surfaces, and that turf is marked and cut to sports requirements, toilets and changing rooms are serviced, and pests are controlled.
			Customer satisfaction with the range of recreation facilities.	Customers are satisfied with the range of recreation facilities
			Overall customer satisfaction with sports parks	Customers are satisfied with sports parks overall.

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Current Performance	Planned Performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Not measured historically	At least 95% of urban parks contract technical specifications pertaining to neighbourhood parks are met	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 85% 2010/11: 74% 2011/12: not surveyed	At least 80%	At least 85%	At least 90%
2009/10: 89% 2010/11: 69% 2011/12: not surveyed	At least 80%	At least 85%	At least 90%
Not measured historically	At least 95% of urban parks contract technical specifications pertaining to sports park facilities are met	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 92% 2010/11: 84% 2011/12: not surveyed	At least 85%	At least 85%	At least 90%
2009/10: 95% 2010/11: 85% 2011/12: not surveyed	At least 85%	At least 85%	At least 90%

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Activity	What is the Council trying to achieve?	What services will the Council offer to make this happen?	How would we know these services were successful?	Target
<p>Garden and heritage parks</p>	<p>The garden city image and garden heritage image of the district are enhanced</p> <p>The public has access to places of scenic, natural, heritage, cultural and educational interest</p> <p>People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries</p> <p>Streetscapes, public open spaces and public buildings enhance the look and function of the city</p> <p>Existing ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity are protected</p> <p>A range of indigenous habitats and species is enhanced</p>	<p>Provide and manage The Botanic Gardens – including education, promotion and displays</p>	<p>Measure</p>	<p>Maintain a minimum number of visitors per annum</p>
			<p>The Botanic Gardens are maintained so they are clean, tidy, safe, functional and fit for purpose.</p>	<p>A minimum percentage of internal monthly checklist requirements pertaining to park facilities are met to ensure the gardens can be appropriately enjoyed by the community. This includes appropriate maintenance of paths, gardens, grass, seats, picnic tables, signs, playground equipment and hard surfaces, and that toilets are serviced and pests are controlled.</p>
			<p>Proportion of visitors satisfied with the appearance of The Botanic Gardens</p>	<p>Visitors are satisfied with the appearance of the Botanic Gardens</p>
			<p>Provision of Botanic Garden Services</p>	<p>Visitor Centre open 9.00am-4.00pm Weekdays, 10.15-4.00pm Weekends</p>
				<p>Facilitate environmental and community education activities per year</p>
				<p>Invest time in science and research partnerships with Crown Research Institutes (CRIs), higher learning institutions, and Government departments</p>
				<p>Provide the Herbarium and library (for reference and research only)</p>
		<p>Provide and manage Garden and Heritage parks</p>	<p>Garden and Heritage Parks are maintained to specifications so parks are clean, tidy, safe and functional</p>	<p>A minimum percentage of urban parks contract technical specifications pertaining to Garden and Heritage park facilities are met to ensure the parks can be appropriately enjoyed by the community. This includes appropriate maintenance of paths, gardens, grass, seats, picnic tables, signs, playground equipment and hard surfaces, and that toilets are serviced and pests are controlled.</p>

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Current Performance	Planned Performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
2009/10: 1,230,000 2010/11: 1,190,000 2011/12: 1,140,000	At least 1.1M visits per annum	Maintain	Maintain
Not measured historically	At least 95% of internal monthly checklist requirements pertaining to park facilities are met.	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 98% 2010/11: 99% 2011/12: 94%	At least 92%	Maintain	Maintain
Visitor Centre open 9.00am-4.00pm Weekdays, 10.15-4.00pm Weekends	Visitor Centre open 9.00am-4.00pm Weekdays, 10.15-4.00pm Weekends	Visitor Centre open 8.30-5.00pm 7 days a week	Maintain
2011/12: 55. 2010/11; 22. 2009/10: 38.	Facilitate at least 25 Environmental and community education activities per year	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: At least 160 hours. 2010/11: 400+ hours. 2009/10 : 161 hours	Invest at least 160 hrs per year in science and research partnerships with CRIs, higher learning institutions, and Government departments	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: Access provided	Provide the Herbarium and library (for reference and research only)	Maintain	Maintain
Not measured historically	At least 95% of Urban Parks contract technical specifications pertaining to Garden and Heritage park facilities are met	Maintain	Maintain

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Activity	What is the Council trying to achieve?	What services will the Council offer to make this happen?	How would we know these services were successful?	Target
Garden and heritage parks (continued)			<p>Measure</p> <p>Proportion of visitors satisfied with the appearance of garden and heritage parks</p>	<p>Visitors are satisfied with the appearance of garden and heritage parks</p>
		<p>Heritage buildings and structures (e.g. fountains, clocks, statues, and outdoor art works)</p>	<p>Garden and Heritage parks heritage buildings and structures are maintained so they are clean, tidy, functional, safe and fit for purpose.</p>	<p>A minimum percentage of facility maintenance contract technical specifications pertaining to Garden & Heritage parks buildings and structures are met (for buildings and structures that are not closed). This includes ensuring open heritage buildings and structures are safe, appropriately maintained, and serviced to ensure their heritage values are protected, and that they can be appropriately enjoyed by the community.</p>

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Current Performance

Planned Performance

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
2009/10: 92% 2010/11: 75% 2011/12: 79%	At least 80%	At least 85%	At least 90%
Not measured historically	At least 95% of Facility Maintenance contract technical specifications pertaining to Garden & Heritage parks buildings and structures are met	Maintain	Maintain

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Activity	What is the Council trying to achieve?	What services will the Council offer to make this happen?	How would we know these services were successful?	Target
Regional parks	People have equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and libraries There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities The public has access to places of scenic, natural, heritage, cultural and educational interest Existing ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity are protected A range of indigenous habitats and species is enhanced Landscapes and natural features are protected and enhanced	Provide and manage a network of parks of regional significance (such as Port Hill reserves and Bottle Lake Forest which may include natural areas, visitor information centres and recreation facilities like walking tracks and bike trails. Provide services such as information, volunteer events on parks, track networks and biodiversity support)	Measure Regional Parks are provided and maintained so they are fit for purpose, for recreational use and environmental values.	Ranger service provided 24 hours, seven days per week to meet community needs for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation and asset management • Conservation and amenity • Advocacy, education and information • Emergency management
			Biodiversity values are protected	Ecological restoration projects in and supported by regional parks
				Sites monitored – (fauna counts related to pest control):
				Nil ECAN notices of direction served following inspection of Regional Pest Management Strategy pests
			Number of volunteers and community service personnel participating in environmental projects.	Volunteer person hours per year
			Parks Maintenance contract managed to ensure contractor performance meets requirements	The contract is managed in accordance with the contract management plan's performance criteria.
			Proportion of customers satisfied with their experience of regional parks	Customers are satisfied with their experience of regional parks

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Current Performance	Planned Performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Ranger service available 24 / 7	Ranger service provided 24 hours, seven days per week	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: 37. 2010/11: 30. 2009/10: 30.	20 to 30 ecological restoration projects in and supported by regional parks per year	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: 35. 2010/11: 30. 2009/10: 30.	20 to 30 sites monitored per year	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: Nil. 2010/11: Nil. 2009/10: Nil.	Nil ECAN notices of direction served following inspection of Regional Pest Management Strategy pests	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 88,919 2010/11: 49,223 2011/12: 48,000	At least 30,000 volunteer person hours per year	At least 40,000 volunteer person hours per year	
Not measured historically	The contract is managed in accordance with the contract management plan's performance criteria.	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 95% 2010/11: 91% 2011/12: 92%	At least 90%	Maintain at least 90%	Maintain at least 90%

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Activity	What is the Council trying to achieve?	What services will the Council offer to make this happen?	How would we know these services were successful?	Target
Cemeteries	<p>The garden city image and the garden heritage image of the district are enhanced</p> <p>Cultural and ethnic diversity is valued and celebrated</p> <p>The public has access to places of scenic, natural, heritage, cultural and educational interest</p>	<p>Provide and manage cemetery grounds (excluding Historic Cemeteries such as Rutherford, Barbadoes and Addington, which are managed under the Garden and Heritage Parks Activity)</p>	<p>Measure</p>	<p>A minimum percentage of urban parks contract technical specifications pertaining to cemetery grounds facilities are met to ensure the parks can be appropriately enjoyed by the community. This includes appropriate maintenance of paths, gardens, grass, seats, picnic tables, signs, playground equipment and hard surfaces, and that toilets are serviced and pests are controlled.</p>
			<p>Customer satisfaction with maintenance and appearance of Council cemeteries</p>	<p>Review customer satisfaction levels</p>
		<p>Cemetery operations administration and information</p>	<p>Interment capacity to meet the city's needs</p>	<p>Maintain a 2 year interment capacity based on average demand over the previous 3 years</p>
			<p>Response time to burial plot applications</p>	<p>All applications for interment will be confirmed within specified time of receiving the application.</p>
			<p>Customer satisfaction with Council cemetery services</p>	<p>Customers are satisfied with Council cemetery services</p>
Harbours and marine structures	<p>There is a range of travel options that meet the needs of the community</p> <p>There is increasing participation in recreation and sporting activities</p> <p>Christchurch's infrastructure supports sustainable economic growth</p>	<p>Provide, manage and maintain marine structures and facilities, including: Recreational and commercial facilities for city residents and visitors – e.g. New Brighton Pier, Akaroa and Diamond Harbour wharves</p> <p>Wharves, moorings, harbour structures, and boat ramps as recreational facilities throughout Christchurch and Banks Peninsula coast – e.g. Wainui wharf, and Magazine Bay facilities.</p>	<p>Provide marine structures for public recreation and commercial use</p>	<p>Existing harbour and marine structures remain open for commercial and recreational use (unless assessment deems the structure unsafe)</p>

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Current Performance	Planned Performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Not measured historically	At least 95% of Urban Parks contract technical specifications pertaining to cemetery grounds facilities are met.	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 68% 2010/11: 90% 2011/12: not surveyed	Review customer satisfaction levels based on results for 2012/13 baseline year.		
New burial plots required / year 450, based on the average over the past three years New ash plots required / year 265, based on the average over the past three years	Maintain a 2 year interment capacity based on average demand over the previous 3 years	Maintain	Maintain
All applications for interment confirmed within one working day of receiving the application.	All applications for interment will be confirmed within one working day of receiving the application.	Maintain	Maintain
2009/10: 100% 2010/11: not surveyed 2011/12: not surveyed	At least 95%	Maintain	Maintain
Not measured historically	Existing harbour and marine structures remain open for commercial and recreational use (unless assessment deems the structure unsafe)	Maintain	Maintain

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Activity	What is the Council trying to achieve?	What services will the Council offer to make this happen?	How would we know these services were successful?	Target
Harbours and marine structures (continued)			Measure	Review of provision of harbour and marine structures, completed by June 2014
			Proportion of customers satisfied with the state of marine structures provided by Council	Review customer satisfaction levels based on results for 2012/13 baseline year.
Rural fire management		Rural Fire reduction, readiness and response (including within the Christchurch City Council area and rural fire management support for other Canterbury Rural Fire Authorities)	An approved and operative Rural Fire Plan is in place	Plan is reviewed annually, by 1 October
			Respond to requests from the NZ Fire Service for fire fighting resources (personnel and equipment)	Response turnout initiated within specified time from NZ Fire Service call for assistance.
			Issue fire permits	Percentage of permits issued within 3 working days
			Public education undertaken to increase communities awareness and preparedness	A rural fire communication plan is in place.
				Public notice in the daily newspaper prior to fire season change.
				Signage changed within specified time of any fire season change.
		Training of rural fire response personnel including Voluntary Rural Fire Force members	Fire fighting personnel meet National Rural Fire Authority (NRFA) minimum training standards.	Percent of paid personnel meet the relevant training standards for their role
				Percent of Voluntary Rural Fire Force members meet the relevant standards for the rural fire role. (out of approx. 100 volunteers in total)

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Current Performance	Planned Performance		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
New	Review of provision of harbour and marine structures, completed by June 2014		
2009/10: 62% 2010/11: not surveyed 2011/12: not surveyed	Review customer satisfaction levels based on results for 2012/13 baseline year.		
At all times	Plan is reviewed annually, by 1 October	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: 100% within 30 minutes. 2010/11: 100% within 30 minutes. 2009/10: 100% within 30 minutes	Response turnout initiated within 30 minutes from NZ Fire Service call for assistance.	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: 98% within 3 days	At least 90% within 3 working days.	Maintain	Maintain
New	A rural fire communication plan is in place.	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: 100% notified within timeframes. 2010/11: 100% notified within timeframes. 2009/10: One notification missed.	Public notice in the daily newspaper prior to fire season change.	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: Signage changed within 7 days. 2010/11: Signage changed within 7 days. 2009/10: Signage changed within 7 days.	Signage changed within 7 days of any fire season change.	Maintain	Maintain
2011/12: 95–100% paid staff; 30–40% volunteers meet training standards	95% of paid personnel meet the relevant training standards for their role	Maintain	Maintain
Not measured historically	50% of Voluntary Rural Fire Force members meet the relevant standards for the rural fire role. (out of approx. 100 volunteers in total)	75% of Voluntary Rural Fire Force members meet the relevant standards for the rural fire role. (out of approx. 100 volunteers in total)	Maintain

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Annual Plan 2012/13	Three Year Plan 2013 - 2016			Annual Plan 2012/13	Three Year Plan 2013 - 2016				
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16		2013/14	2014/15	2015/16		
	\$000				\$000				
Cost of proposed services				Cost of capital expenditure					
2,103	Cemeteries	2,111	1,908	1,970	4,230	Renewals and replacements	4,940	5,403	5,320
9,121	Regional Parks	9,773	8,979	8,989	12,900	Earthquake rebuild	8,852	6,598	6,862
9,948	Garden and Heritage Parks	9,258	9,509	9,871	14,041	Improved service levels	9,601	1,254	-
912	Rural Fire Fighting	953	983	1,024	2,232	Increased demand	5,890	2,934	7,409
807	Harbours and Marine Structures	768	805	853	33,403		29,283	16,189	19,591
12,157	Neighbourhood Parks	13,015	12,148	11,716		This capital expenditure is funded by			
8,966	Sports Parks	9,528	9,777	10,056	4,230	Rates	4,940	5,403	5,320
44,014		45,406	44,109	44,479	6,993	Earthquake rebuild recoveries	-	-	-
Revenue from proposed services									
839	Cemeteries	884	908	935	13,187	Borrowing	15,150	2,721	6,999
676	Regional Parks	470	483	497	5,907	Transfers from Reserves	3,020	314	22
427	Garden and Heritage Parks	375	429	531	3,086	Development Contributions	6,173	7,751	7,250
138	Rural Fire Fighting	148	152	156	-	Grants, Subsidies and other	-	-	-
825	Harbours and Marine Structures	785	807	381	33,403		29,283	16,189	19,591
432	Neighbourhood Parks	492	505	520					
168	Sports Parks	219	224	231					
10,078	Capital revenues	6,173	7,751	7,250					
13,583		9,546	11,259	10,501					
30,431	Net operational cost (funded by rates)	35,860	32,850	33,978					
1,050	Vested assets	1,050	1,098	1,141					
29,381	Net cost of services	34,810	31,752	32,837					

Rationale for activity funding (see also the Revenue and Financing Policy)

User charges for certain services, such as cemeteries and ground hire, are collected at levels considered reasonable by the Council. In many areas, such as providing access to open spaces, charging is not feasible.

Revenue from Grants and Subsidies are sought where possible. The balance of the net operating cost is funded by general rates, as the whole community benefits from these activities.

