

Okains Bay Reserves Committee

Triennial Goals & Operational Plan 2023-26

The Okains Bay Reserve Committee (the Committee) is managed by members appointed by Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata; Te Rūnanga o Ngai Tahu; Christchurch City Council; and elected members of the local community thereby providing guidance for management of the reserve.

The Committee is responsible for the co-management and planning of activities within the Okains Bay Reserve. As stated in the Terms of Reference 2022, the committee shall prepare a Triennial operational plan to identify priorities, goals and a work programme for the three years.

The Okains Bay Reserve's Triennial Goals & Operational Plan 2023-26 arose from regular bi-monthly meetings and a special working group meeting.

The focus areas for management within the reserve for the 2023-2026 triennium include: Native planting; eradication of plant pests; control of pest animals; track and road development; clearing drainage ditches; fire prevention strategies; erosion and sediment control; dual language signage; the eventual eradication of pine and eucalyptus trees; engagement with the larger community; buildings in the Tina Ara Pata reserve; foot traffic fencing the approach to the waka shed and replacing the fencing in front of Tina Ara Pata.

The purpose of this triennial operational plan is to clarify outcomes and guide priorities for work in the Okains Bay Reserves. The operational plan is non-statutory, however it serves as guidance for setting budget allocation and planning activities. The plan should be updated annually in line with budgeting for the reserve.

Okains Bay Reserve Goals 2023-2025

Focus Area	Triennial Goals
Native planting.	• Create schedule for native planting and sourcing • Develop planting programme for Okains Bay Reserves including Victoria Park, Millennium Bridge walkway and Sefton's Park. • Update the Landscape Plan.
Pest plants	• Clear self seeding pine trees, • Pine trees to be phased out and wildings removed as per Landscape Plan. • Identify pest plants for eradication. • Screen incoming soil for pest weeds like mallow.
Pest animals	• Canada Geese control support, Ecan control of rabbits, other pest control local • Include other Reserves within Okains Bay such as Victoria Park for Canada Geese. • Additional traps around the Bay for rats, stoats and possums.
Track & road development	• Continue road and track maintenance. • Ongoing maintenance on BMX track and road potholes.
Drainage ditches	• Keep drainage ditches clear of debris • Include Millenium Bridge walk to Victoria Park in the maintenance programme.
Fire prevention	• Support FENZ to have local fire brigade and adequate fire signage. • Local firegroup supports FENZ and may relocate fireshed to Sefton's Park. • Deforestation within the campground provides firebreaks.
Erosion and sediment control	• Dune restoration planting. • Resource consents with Ecan for some projects. • Grow sand dunes with plants that support dune growth and protect new plantings from wind. • Paths to keep people off newly planted areas.
Signage	• Dual language signage (Maori / English), identify that Ngai Tahu owns the land & CCC manage the buildings and operations. • Include in Reserve Management Plan upgrade signage, website and written handouts. • Support signage review and update including sign for track to old wharf and cave warning of rockfall danger.
Pine and eucalyptus plantation	• Progressively remove all pine and eucalyptus as per the landscape development plan • Being actively managed in line with the Landscape Plan - continued removal replacement with native plantings.
Consultation & engagement with community	• Two newsletters per year informing the local community of new developments and projects around the Reserves.

Reserve Management Plan	• Continue to Progress the Reserve Management Plan. • Consider possibility of including a new north facing Wharenui. • Identify alterations / replacement / demolition of hall and removal or repurpose of the school building.
Buildings on hall reserve	• Basic maintenance to maintain weather tightness of Hall required to be completed by CCC. • Maintenance of tennis courts, fencing, nets and court markings. • Management Plan needs to consider the hall, old school and waka shed paddock.
Leases	• Sefton Park Lease Process initiated by CCC as soon as possible.
Fencing	• Fence off a walkway to the waka shed along the boundary between the hall and Tina Ara Pata. • New entrance to Tina Ara Pata next to the walkway, new fence along the roadside boundary with a gate at church end for vehicles.

Okains Bay Reserves Operational Plan 2023-2025					
Focus Area	Targets FY2024	Targets FY2025	Targets FY2026	Aspirational Budget Estimate	BAU Operational Budget Guideline
Native planting	Develop a planting and maintenance plan.	Planting 1000 native trees ... Quarterly plant maintenance.	Planting 1000 native trees. Develop onsite nursery.		
Pest plants	To target pest plants: Wilding Pines, old man's beard, karo spur valerian, boneseed and others ...	Continued Management of Pines.	Removal of self-seeded Wilding Pines.		
Pest animals	Develop a pest animal management and monitoring plan.	Increase the trap network and bait stations.			
Track development and maintenance		Walkways from Camp to beach.	Focus on BMX track.		
Fire prevention					
Erosion and sediment control	River erosion options report.				
Signage			New Signage Plan completed.		
Engagement	2 newsletters.	2 newsletters.	2 newsletters.		